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**Special points
of Interest:**

- Fall Family Camp!
- School Nights For Scouting
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Message From Leadership

By Ken Blankinship



I'd like to welcome everyone back from what was hopefully a fun filled summer for all. I know we had a good time at all of the summer camps we attended as well as all of the awesome summertime pack activities we had planned this summer. Parents and Scouts should not forget to check your handbooks for your new rank to see if there are any summer time activities that can be used as credit toward your rank advancement. We will have our first Pack Parents and Leaders meeting on Sunday, September 8th. All interested parents are welcome to attend and take part in the planning activities of our Pack. Our first regular den meetings will begin on Monday night, September 9th, 7:00 p.m. at Aldersgate United Methodist Church. I am looking forward to another fun filled year of Cub Scouting for Pack 736.

Yours in Scouting,
 Ken Blankinship
 Cubmaster

Pack Website

Just a reminder, the Internet address for our Pack web site is <http://www.scouts736.org>. This monthly newsletter along with our Pack calendar and other important information are all available on-line. So, if you misplace your newsletter, you can always go to our web site to find the information you need. Be sure to bookmark our site the next time you are surfing the web.

Fall Family Campout



It is time again for our annual Fall Family Campout. The dates for this year's campout are Saturday & Sunday, September 28th & 29th, and we will be camping at Camp Tawakoni just east of Wichita near Santa Fe Lake. **The campfire on Saturday evening will serve as our Pack Meeting for September.** So, if you don't feel like spending the night, at least try to come out for the day on Saturday and stay for campfire on Saturday night. It is guaranteed to be a good time for everyone. All Cub Scouts and their families are invited. The cost will be \$5 per person. This includes a commemorative patch for your Scout, dinner on Saturday night and breakfast on Sunday. Everyone will need to bring a picnic lunch for Saturday. If you are in need of camping equipment, our Troop has a limited number of tents that they would be able to loan out if needed. Contact Andy Stallard or Ken Blankinship if you think you might need to borrow a tent. Since we will be having our Pack meeting on Saturday night, we will not have any meetings on Monday, September 30th.

Calling All 1st & 2nd Year WEBELOS



There will be two great opportunities coming up in October that will help you earn several activity pins that are required for the Webelos badge as well as the Arrow of Light. If you are interested in attending either of these events, you need to let your Webelos Den Leader know ASAP to get signed up.

WEBELOS WOODS

Webelos Woods - **October 5th & 6th** - Camp Tawakoni

This overnight camping event is specially planned for Webelos and includes fun crafts, activities, and trainings specific to the Webelos rank advancement. More information will be provided as it becomes available, so mark these dates on your calendars.

WEBELOS READYMAN

Webelos Readyman Day - **October 19th** - Butler County Community College, Eldorado, KS

Troop 232 of Towanda and the Allied Health Division of Butler County Community College will be sponsoring Readyman Day for all Quivira/Kanza Webelos Scouts. The activities planned for this event will allow the scouts to complete their Readyman activity badge requirements. The cost is \$3 per leader / scout and includes a Readyman Patch. There will be two training sessions available - 8:30 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. We will need to send in one group registration for our Pack. Registration is limited and must be sent in before September 27th.

School Nights For Scouting

Our School Night for Scouting dates have been set for both Bryant Elementary and the Maize School District. Your sons should be coming home from school with flyers about 2-3 days prior to the event. If you have any siblings or friends who are interested in joining Cub Scouts, they can come on either of these nights and get signed up.

The dates are:

- Thursday, August 29th, Bryant Elementary Open House - 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, September 5th, Maize Elementary School - 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

If you know anyone who is interested in joining Cub Scouting but can't make either of these recruiting events, feel free to have them give Ken Blankinship a call at 722-6270.



CUB Scout Leader Training

New Leader Essentials will be offered at the September Roundtable on Thursday, September 5th, at Riverlawn Christian Church. Roundtable begins at 7:00 p.m. Last year, we were proud of the fact that 100% of our leaders were trained. This is a tremendous accomplishment for a Pack the size of 736. Having trained leaders contributes significantly to the quality of the program we offer to our Scouts. We will continue to strive to have 100% of our leaders trained. If you are a new leader and haven't had New Leader Essentials, please plan to try to attend the September Roundtable session.

There will be another training opportunity on Saturday, November 2nd, called Pow Wow. This day long training is held annually and consists of various sessions on all sorts of topics of interest to den and pack leaders. This year, several of our own leaders will be participating as trainers, and the council has added several new classes to the schedule that have never been offered before. It is a great opportunity to meet leaders from other units around the council and share ideas. More information will be provided on this event as it becomes available. In the meantime, all Pack leaders should mark this date on their calendars, because you will not want to miss this training.

September Pack Parents & Leaders Meeting

Once each month, usually one week prior to our monthly Pack meeting, we have a Pack Parents & Leaders Meeting. It is at this meeting that most of our Pack activities are planned, finances are discussed and other important decisions regarding the administration of our Pack are made. This meeting is open to all Pack Parents and Leaders. It is highly recommended that each Den be represented by at least one Den Leader at every meeting just to stay in the loop with what is going on with the Pack. Our first meeting of the year will be on Sunday, September 8th at 7:00 pm. with the location to be announced. Look for the dates of future meetings in the monthly Pack calendar that is published with this newsletter.

Scouting For Food

Each year, Cub Scouts across Quivira Council participate in a community service project known as Scouting For Food. On Thursday evening, October 10th, Cub Scouts and their parents will meet in the Aldersgate UMC parking lot at 5:45 pm. In the neighborhood immediately surrounding the church, we will distribute a plastic grocery bag to each house. The neighbors are asked to fill the bags with food and place them on their front porches for collection on Saturday morning, October 12th. Our chairperson in charge of organizing this year's event is Shana Smith. Shana will be looking for Scouts and parents who can participate in passing out and picking up the bags. The more people we have helping the faster it goes. Last year we collected over 200 bags of food weighing more than 1,000 pounds! The donated food is then given by the Council to the Food Bank. It is a great service to our community and helps to reinforce our duty to our community with our Cub Scouts through service to others. This activity will also count as a service project for your Scout electives. I hope everyone will be able to help out with this year's event.

Aldersgate UMC Ministries Fair

On Sunday, September 8th, our charter organization, Aldersgate United Methodist Church, will be having a Ministries Fair. All of the organizations within the church will have booths explaining their group's activities and ministries during a time of sharing and fellowship. Aldersgate UMC's sponsorship of our Cub Scout Pack is part of their ministry to the community, and we will have a booth at the Ministries Fair. We will have information about our Pack's activities and will be recruiting new Scouts.

If you are interested in helping with the booth on September 8th, please contact Ken Blankinship.

PACK 736 2002 / 2003 CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

9/2	Mon.	No Meeting
9/5	Thurs.	7:00 Roundtable (Training-New Leader Essentials)
9/5	Thurs.	7:00 Maize School Night
9/8	Sun.	7:00 Parent/Leaders Meeting
9/9	Mon.	7:00 1st Den Meetings
9/16	Mon.	7:00 Den Meetings
9/23	Mon.	7:00 Den Meetings
9/28-29	Sat./Sun.	Fall Family Campout / Pack Meeting at Camp Tawakoni
9/30	Mon.	No Meetings

OCTOBER

10/3	Thurs.	7:00 Roundtable (Training-New Leader Essentials)
10/5-6	Sat./Sun.	Webelos Woods 7-10 Check-In Tawakoni
10/7	Mon.	7:00 Den Meetings
10/10	Thurs.	5:45 Scouting for Food (Hand out bags)
10/12	Sat.	9:30 Scouting for Food (Pick up bags)
10/14	Mon.	7:00 Den Meetings
10/19	Sat.	7:00 Webelos - Readyman (El Dorado) 1st Session 8:30-12 2nd Session 1-4:30
10/20	Sun.	7:00 Parent/Leaders Meeting
10/21	Mon.	7:00 Den Meetings
10/28	Mon.	7:00 Pack Meeting

Note 10/18-20 Boy Scout Fall Camporee

* God & Me Program to Start *

NOVEMBER

11/2	Sat.	Pow-Wow Training / Den-Chief Training
11/4	Mon.	7:00 Den Meetings
11/7	Thurs.	7:00 Roundtable (Training-Youth Protection/New Leader)
11/9	Sat.	Popcorn Sells Begin!!
11/11	Mon.	7:00 Den Meetings
11/17	Sun.	7:00 Parent/Leaders Meeting
11/18	Mon.	7:00 Den Meetings
11/25	Mon.	7:00 Pack Meeting

DECEMBER

12/2	Mon.	7:00 Den Meetings (Popcorn Orders Due)
12/5	Thurs.	7:00 Roundtable (Training-New Leaders Essentials)
12/7	Sat.	Popcorn orders due to Council!
12/9	Mon.	7:00 Den Meetings
12/14	Sat.	1:00 Pickup Popcorn Orders / Pinewood Derby Clinic
12/15	Sun.	7:00 Parent/Leaders Meeting
12/16	Mon.	7:00 Den Meetings
12/23	Mon.	7:00 Pack Meeting (IMPORTANT! Money Due for Popcorn)
12/28	Sat.	Webelos II Parents - Work on Plaques
12/30	Mon.	Happy Holidays NO Meetings

JANUARY

1/2	Thurs.	7:00 Roundtable (Training-New Leaders Essentials)
1/4	Sat.	Pinewood Derby Race Day
1/6	Mon.	7:00 Den Meetings
1/13	Mon.	7:00 Den Meetings
1/17-19	Fri./Sun.	Webelos (Saturday Only) Trappers Rendezvous
1/19	Sun.	7:00 Parent/Leaders Meeting
1/20	Mon.	7:00 Den Meetings
1/27	Mon.	7:00 Pack Meeting

FEBRUARY

2/1	Sat.	Eskimo Run Sedgwick County Park
2/3	Mon.	7:00 Den Meetings
2/6	Thurs.	7:00 Roundtable (Training-Youth Protection)
2/9	Sun.	Scout Sunday Aldersgate United Methodist Church
2/10	Mon.	7:00 Den Meetings
2/16	Sun.	7:00 Parent/Leaders Meeting
2/17	Mon.	7:00 Den Meetings
2/24	Mon.	7:00 Den Meetings

MARCH

3/1	Sat.	Blue and Gold
3/3	Mon.	No Den Meetings
3/6	Thurs.	7:00 Roundtable (Training-New Leader Essentials)
3/8	Sat.	District Dinner
3/10	Mon.	7:00 Den Meetings
3/17	Mon.	Spring Break NO Den Meetings
3/23	Sun.	7:00 Parent/Leaders Meeting
3/24	Mon.	7:00 Den Meetings
3/31	Mon.	7:00 Pack Meeting

APRIL

4/3	Thurs.	7:00 Roundtable
4/7	Mon.	7:00 Den Meetings
4/11-13	Fri-Sun.	Webelos ONLY Friday Spring Family Campout at Camp Kanza (Tigers Graduation)
4/14	Mon.	7:00 Den Meetings
4/21	Mon.	7:00 Den Meetings
4/26	Sat.	Encampment/Scout Show
4/27	Sun.	7:00 Parent/Leaders Meeting
4/28	Mon.	7:00 Pack Meeting

MAY

5/1	Thurs.	7:00 Roundtable (Training-Youth Protection)
5/3	Sat.	Baloo Training
5/5	Mon.	7:00 Den Meetings
5/12	Mon.	7:00 Den Meetings
5/18	Sun.	7:00 Parent/Leaders Meeting
5/19	Mon.	7:00 Pack Meeting

JUNE

6/7-8	Sat./Sun.	Fun with Son
6/14	Sat.	Summertime Pack Activity Wranglers Game
6/19-21	Thurs.-Sat.	Webelos Camp

JULY

7/19	Sat.	Summertime Pack Activity for July TBA
7/24-26	Thurs-Sat.	Cub Scout Day Camp

AUGUST

8/25	Mon.	Summertime Pack Activity Swim Party
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