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Message From Leadership

By Ken Blankinship



Welcome back from what was hopefully a fun filled summer for all! I know we had a good time at all of the summer camps and the awesome summertime pack activities we attended 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. Our first regular den meetings will begin on Monday night, September 8th @ 7:00 p.m. at Aldersgate United Methodist Church. This year will be a transition for our Pack leadership. At the May Pack meeting, I announced that Mike Josefowicz will be the new Cubmaster after we cross over in February. In addition, many of our Pack leaders are crossing over this Spring, so you'll be seeing more new faces as we start the new Scouting year. We have all appreciated your support these last three years, and I am looking forward to one more fun filled year of Cub Scouting for Pack 736.

Yours in Scouting,
 Ken Blankinship
 Cubmaster

Fall Family Campout



It is time again for our annual Fall Family Campout. The dates for this year's campout are **Saturday & Sunday, September 27th & 28th**, and we will be camping at **Camp Kanza** just west of Arlington, KS. 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, contact Jeff Priddle, Bill Corteville or Ken Blankinship. Our Pack has a limited number of tents that they would be able to loan out if needed. Since we will be having our Pack meeting on Saturday night, we will not have any meetings on Monday, September 29th.

Calling All 1st & 2nd Year WEBELOS



Webelos Woods is an overnight camping event is specially planned for Webelos and includes fun crafts, activities, and training specific to the Webelos rank advancement. This year's Webelos Woods will be held October 11th & 12th at Camp Hiawatha. All 1st and 2nd year Webelos scouts are eligible to attend. Webelos Den Leaders will get with their Den with more details.

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. Also, we want to thank Hubris Communications for donating the hosting for our web site. Check them out at <http://www.iwichita.com> and send them an e-mail to say thanks.

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 28th, Bryant Elementary Open House – 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, September 11th, Maize Elementary School – 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- Sunday, September 7th, Aldersgate United Methodist Church – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 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 at call at 722-6270.



CUB Scout Leader Training

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. Training for leaders is offered each month at Roundtable. Roundtable is held the first Thursday of each month at Riverlawn Christian Church and begins at 7:00 p.m. Each month a different topic is presented. If you are a new leader and need to get trained, the upcoming training dates are:

Thursday, September 4th – Fast Start Training
Thursday, October 2nd – New Leader Essentials
Thursday, November 6th – Youth Protection

There will be another training opportunity on the third Saturday of November – November 15th – called Pow Wow - Carousel of Learning. This day long training opportunity 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 opportunity.

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 September meeting will be on Sunday, September 21st at 7:00 pm at Aldersgate United Methodist Church. 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 9th, Cub Scouts and their parents will meet in the Aldersgate UMC parking lot at 5:45 pm. In the neighborhood immediate 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 at 9:30 am on Saturday morning, October 11th. Our chairperson in charge of organizing this year's event is Shana Smith. She 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 7th, 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 a ministry 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 7th, please contact Ken Blankinship.

PACK 736 2003 / 2004 CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

9/1	Mon.	No Meetings (Labor Day)
9/4	Thurs.	7:00 Roundtable (Training-Fast Start Training) Riverlawn Christian Church
9/8	Mon.	7:00 1st Den Meetings
9/11	Thurs.	6:30 Maize School Night for Scouting
9/15	Mon.	7:00 Den Meetings and New Scouts / Families Orientation
9/21	Sun.	7:00 Parent/Leaders Meeting
9/22	Mon.	7:00 Den Meetings
9/23	Tues.	7:00 Webelos II Meetings
9/27-28	Sat./Sun.	10:00 Fall Family Campout / Pack Meeting at Camp Kanza
9/29	Mon.	No Meetings

OCTOBER

10/2	Thurs.	7:00 Roundtable (Training-New Leader Essentials) Riverlawn Christian Church
10/4	Sat.	9:00 Tiger-Rama Riverlawn Christian Church
10/6	Mon.	7:00 Den Meetings
10/7	Tues.	7:00 Webelos II Meetings
10/9	Thurs.	5:45 Scouting for Food (Hand out bags)
10/11	Sat.	9:30 Scouting for Food (Pick up bags) Webelos Woods @ Camp Hiawatha
10/13	Mon.	7:00 Den Meetings
10/14	Tues.	7:00 Webelos II Meetings
10/19	Sun.	7:00 Parent/Leaders Meeting
10/20	Mon.	7:00 Den Meetings
10/21	Tues.	7:00 Webelos II Meetings
10/27	Mon.	7:00 Pack Meeting (Taking Pinewood Derby Orders)

* God & Me Program to Start

NOVEMBER

11/3	Mon.	7:00 Den Meetings
11/4	Tues.	7:00 Webelos II Meetings
11/6	Thurs.	7:00 Roundtable (Training-Youth Protection) Riverlawn Christian Church
11/8	Sat.	Popcorn Sale Begins!!
11/8 - 9	Sat. / Sun.	OWL Training (Outdoor Webelos Leaders)
11/10	Mon.	7:00 Den Meetings (Pinewood Derby Car Handout)
11/11	Tues.	7:00 Webelos II Meetings (Pinewood Derby Car Handout)
11/15	Sat.	8:00 Pow-Wow Training / Den-Chief Training
11/16	Sun.	7:00 Parent/Leaders Meeting
11/17	Mon.	7:00 Den Meetings
11/18	Tues.	7:00 Webelos II Meetings
11/24	Mon.	7:00 Pack Meeting

DECEMBER

12/1	Mon.	7:00 Den Meetings (Popcorn Orders Due)
12/2	Tues.	7:00 Webelos II Meetings (Popcorn Orders Due)
12/4	Thurs.	7:00 Roundtable (Training-New Leaders Essentials) Riverlawn Christian Church
12/8	Mon.	7:00 Den Meetings
12/9	Tues.	7:00 Webelos II Meetings
12/13	Sat.	1:00 Pickup Popcorn Orders / Pinewood Derby Clinic
12/14	Sun.	7:00 Parent/Leaders Meeting
12/15	Mon.	7:00 Pack Meeting (IMPORTANT! Money Due for Popcorn)
12/18	Thurs.	7:00 No Den Meetings (IMPORTANT! Last Day for Money Due for Popcorn)
12/29	Mon.	Happy Holidays NO Meetings

JANUARY

1/3	Sat.	Pinewood Derby Race Day
1/5	Mon.	7:00 Den Meetings
1/6	Tues.	7:00 Webelos II Meetings
1/8	Thurs.	7:00 Roundtable (Training-New Leaders Essentials) Riverlawn Christian Church
1/12	Mon.	7:00 Den Meetings
1/13	Tues.	7:00 Webelos II Meetings
1/17	Sat.	Webelos II (Saturday Only) Trappers Rendezvous
1/18	Sun.	7:00 Parent/Leaders Meeting
1/19	Mon.	7:00 Den Meetings
1/20	Tues.	7:00 Webelos II Meetings
1/26	Mon.	7:00 Pack Meeting

FEBRUARY

2/2	Mon.	7:00	Den Meetings
2/3	Tues.	7:00	Webelos II Meetings
2/5	Thurs.	7:00	Roundtable (Training-Youth Protection) Riverlawn Christian Church
2/7	Sat.		Eskimo Run Sedgwick County Park
2/8	Sun.		Scout Sunday Aldersgate United Methodist Church
2/9	Mon.	7:00	Den Meetings
2/10	Tues.	7:00	Webelos II Meetings
2/15	Sun.	7:00	Parent/Leaders Meeting
2/16	Mon.	7:00	Den Meetings
2/17	Tues.	7:00	Webelos II Meetings
2/23	Mon.	7:00	Den Meetings
2/24	Tues.	7:00	Webelos II Meetings
2/28	Sat.		Blue and Gold Banquet

MARCH

3/1	Mon.		No Den Meetings
3/4	Thurs.	7:00	Roundtable (District Recognition Reception) Riverlawn Christian Church
3/8	Mon.	7:00	Den Meetings
3/14	Sun.	7:00	Parent/Leaders Meeting
3/15	Mon.	7:00	Den Meetings
3/22	Mon.		Spring Break NO Den Meetings
3/29	Mon.	7:00	Pack Meeting

APRIL

4/1	Thurs.	7:00	Roundtable (Training-Fast Start) Riverlawn Christian Church
4/5	Mon.	7:00	Den Meetings
4/12	Mon.	7:00	Den Meetings
4/18	Sun.	7:00	Parent/Leaders Meeting
4/19	Mon.	7:00	Den Meetings
4/23	Fri.		Webelos ONLY Friday
4/24-25	Sat.-Sun.		Spring Family Campout at Camp Kanza (Tigers Graduation and Pack Meeting)
4/26	Mon.		No Den Meetings

MAY

5/1	Sat.		BALOO Training (Basic Adult Leaders Outdoor Orientation)
5/3	Mon.	7:00	Den Meetings
5/6	Thurs.	7:00	Roundtable (Training-New Leaders Essentials) Riverlawn Christian Church
5/10	Mon.	7:00	Den Meetings
5/16	Sun.	7:00	Parent/Leaders Meeting
5/17	Mon.	7:00	Pack Meeting

JUNE

6/5-6	Sat./Sun.		Fun with Son
6/17-19	Thurs.-Sat.		Webelos Camp
6/12 or 6/26	Sat.		Summertime Pack Activity Wranglers Game

JULY

7/17	Sat.		Summertime Pack Activity for July TBA
7/22-24	Thurs.-Sat.		Cub Scout Day Camp

AUGUST

8/30	Mon.		Summertime Pack Activity Swim Party
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