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## Message From Leadership

By Ken Blankinship



During the month of February, we will be focusing all of our energies on preparing for the upcoming Blue & Gold Banquet. At this event, we will be presenting the highest award a boy can earn in Cub Scouting – the Arrow of Light – to our 2<sup>nd</sup> year Webelos scouts. At that same time, they will also cross over from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts. This is a significant stepping stone for these youth as they will begin a new journey of growth in Boy Scouting. This year's theme for the banquet is Knights of the Roundtable, and our Scouts and leaders will be working hard in February on costumes and decorations. I encourage parents and other family members wanting to get into the festivities to come in costume and join in the fun. Yours truly will be playing the role of King Arthur. If I can do it, you can too. See you all there!

Yours in Scouting,  
Ken Blankinship  
Cubmaster

## Good Luck—Pastor Phil

The Rev. Phil Fischer has been the Pastor at Aldersgate UMC for the last three and a half years. We wish Pastor Phil the best in his new assignment with the Kansas West Conference of the United Methodist Church. We thank him for his support and look forward to working with his successor at Aldersgate UMC. While the church parish committee is searching for Pastor Phil's replacement, Aldersgate's Associate Pastor, the Rev. Kim Dickerson, will be serving as interim pastor. Thanks for everything Pastor Phil.

# Message From Leadership

By Brad Smith



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our Cub Scouts, and Leaders for making Pack 736 such a great success. We have a lot of great boys, and I feel our leaders "Do Their Best" to put on a great program. That is why our Pack is so successful and has such a great reputation!

I have been involved with Pack 736 for seven years and have seen the Pack grow from 30 boys to 150 boys! I have great pride in having been involved with a great number of boys and adults that have passed through our Pack. Also I have had the privilege of having seen four of these boys reach the rank of Eagle Scout.

Next year a lot of our Pack Leadership will be crossing over to the Boy Scouts. I'm looking forward to see the Pack grow even stronger, with the same success it has had in the past. To accomplish this we are actively looking for parents that would like to help run our Pack Administration.

Below is a list of positions that are open. We hope that we can fill these positions quickly to make a smooth transition. If anyone has questions or has any interest in being involved with a successful Pack full of great boys and leaders. Please see Brad Smith or Ken Blankinship

Yours in Scouting,  
Committee Chair  
Brad Smith

## Help Wanted—Leaders Needed For Next Year

- *Committee Chair*
- *1 to 2 Assistant Cubmasters*
- *Pack Treasurer*
- *Advancement Chair*
- *Monthly Newsletter / Web Site*
- *2 Camp Chairs*
  - ⇒ *(1) Family Camp*
  - ⇒ *(1) Summer Camping*

## Blue & Gold Banquet

The Blue & Gold Banquet is right around the corner. Mark your calendars and plan to be there Saturday, March 1, 2003, 5:00 p.m. at the Sedgwick County Building (21st & Ridge Rd).

Our theme this year is "Knights of the Roundtable." There will be a knight parade during the banquet and we ask for all scouts and leaders to wear costumes that are appropriate to the theme. Parents as well are welcome to participate by wearing costumes.



We will be taking reservations beginning Monday, February 3 and final registration will be Monday, February 17. Money is due at the time of registration, cost is \$6.00 per person.

We need volunteers to assist with registration and clean up. If you are available to help in this area or if you have questions please see Shana Smith or call 721-5069.

## Eskimo Run

Last year we were fortunate enough to have LOTS of snow on the ground for Eskimo Run, and the events were twice the fun in the snow. I'm not sure what the forecast holds, but Eskimo Run is sure to be fun with or without snow. Eskimo Run is a special event sponsored by the White Buffalo District and is held at Sedgwick County Park. Check-in is at 8:30 a.m. and events begin at 9:00 a.m. We have approximately 50 scouts signed up, so we will divide our scouts into several groups to participate. We'll meet near the south parking lot of the park, and we'll need parents who can help take the groups around to the various activities throughout the day. The event will conclude at 2:00 p.m. Everyone needs to bring sack lunch or money to buy lunch there. The Pack will be providing hot chocolate and a portable heater for periodically warming up throughout the day, but everyone should **wear warm shoes and warm clothes**. Dressing in layers works best. If you haven't already pre-registered and would like to attend, just show up that morning with \$5 for the registration fee. The fee includes a commemorative patch.

## Cub Scout Religious Awards

We are blessed to have a number of scouts and their parents who have been working hard on their God & Me and God & Family programs. The latest headcount indicates that 13 Scouts and 5 parents have completed the program. They will receive their awards from Aldersgate UMC on Scout Sunday. We ask those students who completed projects as part of their program to bring their projects with them to display in the narthex on Scout Sunday. If you would like have your award presented to you by your home church rather than Aldersgate UMC on Scout Sunday, please let Heather know as soon as possible to make the arrangements. Congratulations to all Scouts and parents on completing this program and a big "Thank You" to Pastor Phil for leading us through it!!

## Scout Sunday

Aldersgate UMC will be observing Scout Sunday on Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. We will need Scouts to serve as acolytes, ushers and greeters at all three services that Sunday. Heather Blankinship will be signing up Scouts tonight after Pack meeting. We will need at least seven Cub Scouts to help with each service. The three worship services start at 8:15 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. In addition, there will be a freewill offering in each service to support the efforts of the National Association of Methodist Scouters. The money raised will be used to provide backpack Bibles to all youth who attend a Quivira Council week-long summer camp, provide Chaplains at summer camps and improve the chapel at the Quivira Scout Ranch. We know many of you have a home church that you attend on Sundays. We encourage you to consider attending one of the services that Sunday at Aldersgate to help show our appreciation to Aldersgate for their support of our Pack and Troop. All Scouts and Leaders who attend on that Sunday should wear their uniforms. All of the Cub Scouts and parents who completed the Religious Awards program will be recognized during the services.

## Cub Scout Camping, Spring & Summer 2003



**Brrrrrrrr!!** I'll bet the last thing on your mind in the middle of a cold January winter is sleeping out under the stars in a tent. Well, someone has to think about, and believe it or not, we have. Mark these camping dates on your calendar.

- Pack 736 Spring Family Campout - April 12-13th - Camp Tawakoni
- Fun with Son - June 7-8th - Camp Tawakoni
- Webelos Camp - June 19-21th - Camp Kanza
- Cub Scout Day Camp - July 24-26th - Camp Hiawatha

All of you should have received a slip of paper from your Den Leaders indicating the amount of money your Scout earned to help pay for their camp. Hang onto that piece of paper, because you will need it in a couple of months when we start signing up for summer camp.

## District Awards – Nominations Due

Nominations for District Awards must be turned in to Mike Kennedy, the White Buffalo Roundtable, or the Quivira Council office by February 6. The awards include District Award of Merit, Cubmaster of the Year, Asst. Cubmaster of the Year, Den Leader of the Year, Committee Member of the Year, Pack of the Year, Unit Commissioner and District Committee Member of the Year, Helping Hand Award, Spark Plug Award, Turtle Award and Golden Spike Award. To nominate a leader or parent for one of these awards, you can pick up a nomination form at the Quivira Council office or contact Mike Kennedy at 722-9664 or [mkscouter@aol.com](mailto:mkscouter@aol.com).

## Pine Wood Derby 2003, Winners!

The winners for each division are as following



### Tigers

1st Eric B.  
2nd Sam U.  
3rd Sewth S.

### Wolfs

1st Tyler H.  
2nd Greg E.  
3rd Liam K.

### Bears

1st Danny M.  
2nd Landon S.  
3rd Josh S.

### Webelos

1st Drew S.  
2nd Riley F.  
3rd Brian M.

### Junior Outlaws

1st Paige S.  
2nd Derek T.  
3rd Rian A.

### Outlaws

1st John Tummons  
2nd Mike Graham  
3rd Gary Hamm

### Overall

1st *Not available at press time*  
2nd *Will be updated on Web site*  
3rd

The following won our first ever People's Choice Awards

### Tigers

Best Design: Hayden A.  
Best Paint & Color: Eric B.  
Most Unique: Jarod T.  
Most Comical: Corey P.

### Cubs

Best Design: Austin S.  
Best Paint & Color: Drew H.  
Most Unique: Chris K.  
Most Comical: Careron D.

### Junior Outlaws

Best Design: Jessica H.  
Best Paint & Color: Kathy T.  
Most Unique: Haley S.  
Most Comical: Paige S.

### Outlaws

Best Design: Jon L.  
Best Paint & Color: Heather B.  
Most Unique: Gary H.  
Most Comical: Kathy R.



I want to thank all of the leaders who helped make our 2002 Pinewood Derby a great success. We ran **158** cars, all six divisions and had a lot of fun.

Here's my teaser for next year. Can we get 200 cars into the race? I don't know, but I am willing to try.

Again, many thanks to all that helped and attended. *Jim Pogue*

## Pine Wood Derby Volunteers — Thank You



This year's Pinewood Derby was another great success. These are the events in our children's lives from which great memories are made. Of course, none of it would be possible without the help of all the parent and youth volunteers. I want to thank the following individuals and groups for all of their hard work:

Our awesome Pinewood Derby committee: Jim Pogue, Brian Smith & Bill Corteville  
 Robert Ward                      Shawn Bevis                      Steve Litke                      Gary Hamm  
 Shana Smith                      Lori Graham                      Mike Graham                      Matthew G.  
 Heather Blankinship              Annette Ogburn                      Jeff "Eagle Eye" Priddle  
 Seth "Eagle Eye" Leach              Mike "Eagle Eye" Popp              Greg Glover                      Robyn Seabolt  
 Mike Jozefowicz                      Kathy Litke

Randy Shelton for the donation of the Pinewood Derby winner patches.  
 Larry & Mary Lou Dawley for running our main track for the Cub Scout races.  
 Troop 736 for feeding us pancakes for breakfast and hot dogs for dinner.  
 Pack 806 for bringing and running a second track for the Outlaw races.

## Den 5 News



### SPECIAL NEWS ALERT!!!

The Webelos of Den 5 would like everyone to know that we have officially changed our name to the FLYING EAGLE patrol!!!

We have been very busy this month racing our cars in the Pinewood Derby and working on our Webelos badges. Congratulations to our OUTLAW parents John Tummons and Mike Graham for finishing FIRST and SECOND place respectively, in the Outlaw Class at the recent Pinewood Derby. Way to go John and Mike!

We are looking forward to the upcoming Blue and Gold Banquet and are starting to think about the preparations needed for this BIG event

## Den 7 News



**By Drew S.:** At our last meeting we talked about some secret pinewood derby speed tips. We also brought our trophies. Chris K. won a plaque for best design and Jon L. got a plaque for best design in the outlaws. Drew S. won a trophy for fastest Webelos car and an awesome trophy for fastest overall car. We are going over what we need for the awards banquet in March. We are also studying about drugs for the fitness badge.

## Den 14 News



Congratulations to Jake O. and Torin P. for achieving their Bear badge. It is exciting to have more boys join them in this honor this month. The boys have been cooking, scrap booking, and practicing their knots. A special thanks to dad Jeff B. for providing material and helping us make tool boxes!

This month we have sold several hundred dollars of popcorn, so many people are close to a whippy cushion and one has a gag splat ball. This month we made fingerprints with our left and right hand, we also made a footprint on a pile of dirt and made it a plaster footprint and they were an achievement! Also some people have 6 achievements already! In November we also did some other achievements. A very fun time was when we went to the police department, we went inside the back of a police car the first tow panicked and started screaming "let me out!" and pounding on the windows. It was a great month! Alex C.



## January Calendar

### FEBRUARY

2/1	Sat.		Eskimo Run Sedgwick County Park
2/3	Mon.	7:00	<b>No</b> Den Meetings at the church, contact Den Leader for location
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