

# PACK 736 News

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## Cubmaster's Message

By Ken Blankinship



Well this is it. It is with a sigh of relief, but also with great sadness that I write this last Cubmaster Message. The last three plus years has been a lot of work - like a second job for me, my family and the leadership team by which I've been surrounded. But, the rewards have been great - no tremendous. I'm not sure I can find the words to describe what it has meant to me to serve you and your sons as Cubmaster of this great Pack 736. I have made many new lifelong friendships in the world of Scouting and seen even more lifelong smiles from Cub Scouts. I am confident that the new Pack 736 leadership will continue to take this Pack to the highest levels of Cub Scouting. Please support them with your help and volunteering like you have helped me.

To the Cub Scouts, my message is work hard and have fun and always aim for that straight Arrow...the Arrow of Light. Remember that the seven rays on the Arrow of Light represent the seven days of the week, to remind you that you should Do Your Best every day.

To the Parents, my message is this. If you have not already done so, get more involved with your son. Become a leader, volunteer or chair up a committee and reap the rewards of your investment. The rewards of your son becoming a community leader like yourself.

Happy Trails Pack 736 until we meet again!

Yours in Scouting,  
Ken Blankinship  
Cubmaster

## Arrow of Light Awards



Tonight, we will award all of our second year Webelos Scouts the Arrow of Light award. This is the highest award that can be earned in Cub Scouting. In addition to the rank advancement, the Pack will also present each Scout with a plaque. Arrows are mounted on these plaques, and colored bands are painted on the arrows that represent the Scout's achievements in Cub Scouting. I ask that everyone take time tonight to look at the Arrow of Light plaques that are on display near the stage. Each arrow is painted with bands that represent the Scout's achievements in Cub Scouting. The completed plaques themselves involve about five hours of work to finish. We want to thank Lori & Mike Graham, Andy Stallard, Harvey Jones, Bob Webb, Brad Smith, Jim Pogue, John Tummons, Mark Crane, Terry Breth, Randy Shelton, Heather & Ken Blankinship, Jeff Tredway, Steve & Shawn Litke, Bart Hunt, Tom Mead and Jay Allen for all of the time they committed to help make the plaques.

## Scout Sunday

Thanks to all the Scouts and parents who attended church at Aldersgate UMC on Scout Sunday. We have received lots of positive comments from members of the church. Everyone who participated did a great job. The Cub Scouts who helped as ushers, acolytes, readers and greeters were:

Eric B., Cameron T., Riley T., Jake O., Levi C., Gehrig K., Andrew M., Tim B., Shane O., Tyler B., Matthew T., Matt E., Greg E., Lucas P., Clayton W., Marques J., Colby S., Ian B., Hunter D., Torin P., Brett S., Jeremy P., Mitchell W., Hayden C., Liam K., Cole S., Joshua O., Brooks R., Austin S., Steven W., Daniel K., Tyler E., and Austin C.

## 16 Cub Scouts and 8 Adults Earn Religious Awards

Aldersgate UMC presented 13 God & Me and 9 God & Family awards on Scout Sunday. These Scouts and parents have worked hard over the last several months learning how to become best friends with Jesus (God & Me) and understanding the importance of family and God's role in a healthy family (God & Family). The recipients were:

God & Me Student Awards:	Eric B., Marques J., Timothy B., Hayden C., Matt E., Andrew M., and Clayton W.
God & Me Mentor Awards:	Shawn Bevis, Angie Jozefowicz, Mike Jozefowicz, Tom Beach, Bill Chauvin, and Steven White.
God & Family Student Awards:	Torin P., Cameron T., Riley T., Mitchell W., Tyler B., Austin C., and Austin S.
God & Family Mentor Awards:	Gaia Priddle and Sherry Beach.

Trevor S. elected to have his God & Me award presented to him by his home church. In addition, Jake O. has earned Parvuli Dei, the Catholic religious award for Cub Scouts, and the award will be presented to him later this year by his home Parish. However, he was recognized for his achievement during Scout Sunday at Aldersgate UMC.

Congratulations to these youth and their parents. These same Scouts and parents will be recognized at Blue & Gold Banquet. The Cub Scouts and Leaders that earned the religious awards will be presented with knots and devices to wear on their Scout uniforms.

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## Pack Leadership Transition

This year has been a year of transition as many of our Pack leaders prepare to crossover to Boy Scouting with our sons. As Cubmaster, I have been fortunate have had a great team of parents during my tenure. Pack 736 has grown tremendously in the last three years, and this growth would not have been possible without the dedication and commitment of our leadership and our parents to providing an outstanding Cub Scouting program for our sons. While all of these leaders had a specific Pack leadership role, they've all worn many more hats. On behalf of the entire Pack, I'd like to thank the following leaders for all of their hard work over the last three years and for always being there:

**Brad Smith** - Pack Committee Chair, a voice of experience, dedicated to the Scouting ideals, a true Scouter.

**Jim Pogue** - Pack Advancements Chair, always bringing laughter, enthusiasm and a positive attitude.

**Steve Litke** - Assistant Cubmaster / Summertime Pack Activities, always there to lend a hand, making the job of this Cubmaster easier.

**Mike Graham** - Pack Treasurer, balanced the books, helped us budget, made us fiscally responsible, a big job for a Pack of this size.

**Andy Stallard** - Camping Chair, taking Family camping and grocery shopping to whole other level.

**Harvey Jones** - Communications Chair, pioneering our first ever Pack web site, always getting newsletters done on time even when the Cubmaster was late getting his articles turned in.

It is with confidence that we now transition the leadership of our Pack over to another great team. I hope you'll all give them the same level of support that you've given this team over the last three years and that Pack 736 continues to grow and serve the youth of our community.

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## Thanks to Second Year Webelos Leaders

Tonight as we cross over our second year Webelos, we will also be recognizing our second year Webelos leaders. I want to thank each of them for the commitment they made - some as many as four years ago - to stay the course with their Scouts to see them through the Cub Scout program. Our out going Webelos II leaders are:

Den 5 - Bob Webb, Harvey Jones & Terry Breth  
Den 7 - Heather Blankinship & Jon Looney  
Den 10 / 8 - Jeff Tredway, Bart Hunt & Kathy Rogers

I ask everyone to take the time sometime this evening to thank these leaders for their commitment and their service to Cub Scouting.

## Pack 736 Leaders Recognized by White Buffalo District

Pack 736 has done it again. Last year our Pack was honored by winning Cubmaster of Year and Popcorn Chair of the Year. This year, several of our Pack leaders were nominated (by many of you) and selected to receive the following awards from the White Buffalo District:

Brad Smith - Pack Committee Chair of the Year  
Jim Pogue - Advancement Chair of the Year & Spark Plug Award  
Bill Corteville - Den Leader of the Year  
Brian & Shana Smith - Scouting For Food Co-Chairs of the Year

Please join in congratulating these leaders and thanking them for their dedication and hard work.

From Mike Kennedy,  
District Vice-Chairman and Pack 736 Chartered Organization Representative:

Whenever it has been my privilege to speak before Pack 736 I have told you how lucky you are to be a part of the best pack in the Quivira Council. This was reaffirmed on Thursday, March 4 at the White Buffalo District Recognition Reception. Jim Pogue was recognized with a "Spark Plug" award for the enthusiasm he brings to Scouting. He was also recognized as Cub Advancement Chairman of the Year. Your Committee Chairman, Brad Smith was the Cub Committee Chairman of the Year. Den Leader, Bill Corteville, was honored as Den Leader of the Year. Brian and Shana Smith were also recognized for their leadership in the annual Scouting for Food Drive. The Pack was recognized for it's record breaking popcorn sales that was lead by Joanna Kilgore.

The best was saved for last, when the district bestowed its highest honor, "**The District Award of Merit**" on six district Scouters. Included in that esteemed group was your Cubmaster, Ken Blankinship. This award goes to people who have gone beyond the normal responsibilities of their unit position and provided outstanding service to the district. Ken has taught Pow Wow classes and more importantly, served on the Kanza Cub Lands of Adventure steering committee. This group developed the plan to turn Camp Kanza into a premier Cub camp. This plan has been recognized by BSA national office as the standard to be used by other councils when developing cub camps. Committee Chairman, Jeff Emerson, attributes much of that success to Ken's hard work. You will also see Ken's work in the new camp logo, which he designed.

Please join me in congratulating all of these wonderful leaders, the next time you see them.

Mike Kennedy,  
District Vice-Chairman and Pack 736 Chartered Organization Representative



## Spring Family Campout - April 24th & 25<sup>th</sup>

We will have our Spring Family Campout at Camp Kanza. The dates are April 24 & 25. We will celebrate the graduation of our Tiger Cubs to Cub Scouts at the campfire on Saturday night. If you don't want to camp, please consider coming out for the day's activities, dinner and campfire on Saturday. The first year Webelos will go out Friday night where they will cook in patrols and participate in Webelos activities on Saturday morning. There will be more details to come in March.

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## Tiger Graduation at Spring Family Campout

Attention Tiger Cubs! Each year, we graduate our Tiger Cubs to Cub Scouts at a special campfire ceremony at our Spring Family Campout. We will be meeting with each Tiger Cub den in the coming weeks to pass along more important information for this event. Start making plans to attend.

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## Chess Tournament Wrap-up

On Saturday, January 31st, the members of Pack 736 practiced chess. There were many scouts and several leaders, even though the roads were icy. Jim Pogue beat me in three moves. We had a fun time!

By Chipper N.  
Den 18

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## Den 7 News

Den 7 is excited about crossing over into Troop 736. Our first troop meeting is March 9, and we will learn about how to become a Boy Scout. March 6 is when the eight of us will become Boy Scouts, and we are Ian, Ben, Tyler, Chris, Drew, Alex, Brett, and Shane.

Our first campout is at Kannapolis Lake which is March 19, 20, and 21. We get to go and see caves, hiking and other things that might be fun.

By Shane O.



## Calendar

### Time to Catch Our Breath - Special Schedule

February has been a busy month making preparations for Blue & Gold Banquet. In March, we will take a week off to catch our breath and free everyone up for Spring Break. We will have following schedule for March:

Monday, March 8th - Regular Den Meetings  
Sunday, March 14th - Parent/Leaders Meetings  
Monday, March 15th - Regular Den Meetings  
Monday, March 22nd - No Scouts (Spring Break)  
Monday, March 29th - Pack Meeting

Our Spring Family Campout will serve as our April Pack meeting, and in April, we will have the following schedule:

Monday, April 5th - Regular Den Meetings  
Monday, April 12th - Regular Den Meetings  
Monday, April 19th - Regular Den Meetings  
Saturday, April 24th - Pack Meeting at Campfire at Camp Kanza  
Monday, April 26th - No Scouts