



THE SETAUKET SPY

Benjamin Tallmadge District
Cub Roundtable News Letter



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SPRING INTO ACTION
Webelos: Sportsman and Family Member
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<http://www.btddistrict.org>

Benjamin Tallmadge District

Suffolk County Council

CUBS FOR CUBS 2010 Scouting Through The Ages



Date: Saturday April 24, 2010
Setup Time: 9:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.
Opening: 11:00 A.M.
Closing: 4:00 P.M.
Webelos Checkout Time: Sunday April 25, 2010 at 10:00 A.M.
Location: Baiting Hollow Scout Camp

Packs: Each Pack is asked to choose a decade between 1910 and the present. Come up with a game or activity to run in your booth. **Tiger Cubs:** Each Tiger Den will be asked to design a float which will be in the Tiger Cub Parade at the opening ceremony. **Webelos:** there will be a Webelos and parent campout on Saturday night into Sunday. We will be organizing activities specifically for the Webelos. **You will provide your own meals.**

Pinewood Derby Runoff: Remember to hold your Pack's winners for all categories (Cubs, Tigers, and Webelos). They will qualify to compete for the District title. Trophies will be awarded at the closing ceremonies.

YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER BY APRIL 15, 2010'S ROUNDTABLE. REGISTRATION IS \$50.00 PER PACK AND INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING: PINEWOOD DERBY RUNOFF, PATCHES AND ADMISSION FOR 2 LEADERS AND 8 BOYS.

Cost: \$7.00 at event, \$5.00 with pre-registration (includes patch.) \$10.00 for Webelos campout (includes day admission, campout, and patch.) Food will be available at a nominal cost for lunch on Saturday. Any Questions, contact Brian Heinrichs at 345-5860 or E-mail Bheinric@optonline.net

MONTHLY THEME

INFORMATION FOCUS

As winter weather gives way to warmer temperatures, it's time to head outside and spring into action! Go on hikes with the boys. Play outdoor games. While outside, involve the boys in service projects. A den or a pack can clean up litter in parks or on hiking trails, or plant trees and flowers for improved habitat and beauty

CORE VALUES

CUB SCOUT ROUNDTABLE

LEADERS' GUIDE

Some of the purposes of Cub Scouting developed through this month's theme are:

- **Sportsmanship and Fitness**, Cub Scouts will learn the importance of being fit and playing fair while enjoying games and outdoor activities.
- **Friendly Service**, Cub Scouts will demonstrate friendly service through clean up or beautification projects.
- **Preparation for Boy Scouts**, Cub Scouts prepare to be Boy Scouts as they gain more outdoor experiences.

The core value highlighted this month is:

- **Positive Attitude**, Boys will see that even a difficult project becomes easier and more often fun if they think they can do it and do their best.

PACK ADMIN HELPS

Spring Recruiting

Spring is a great time to recruit new Cub Scouts, especially Tigers!! Kindergartners are eligible after June 1.

The Pack is getting ready for its biggest adventure of the year – CAMP!!! Once a boy goes to camp and has a good time he will be hooked!!

As mentioned below, the key to retention through the summer is PROGRAM –

Does your pack have an active Summertime Program –

If you do – Spring Recruiting will work for you.

There has been a discussion on www.cubroundtable.com lately about Summer Programs. Many packs responded that they run two activities per month so no one has to miss out on the award. My local pack runs two activities – one free (pool party, car wash, hike, walk, picnic, fishing derby) and one that has a charge (camp, baseball game (*minor league games are best!!*), zoo, aquarium, museum). And they encourage Den Leaders to hold a meeting each month to keep the boys focused.

Where can you do your Round Up Night?

- *How about at the Little League Field??* You probably have more than a few parents and boys registered in Cubs and Little League – get permission to set up a booth at a field (near the refreshment stand?) and advertise that you will be there. Show parents how the two work together. Have a few baseball and soccer loops to show parents.
- *A Park with a playground in your town?* It is spring time boys want to be outside not in a building. Set up some outside activities – volleyball, tin can walkers, stilts, make hot dogs, play games.

What do you need –

Besides all the applications and other usual stuff

- *Pack Tee shirts* – Have all your Cubs and leaders in their spiffy pack tee shirts and have shirts available for the new Scouts. Maybe even adjust your registration fee to include a tee shirt for all registrants that night!
- *A calendar of all your summertime activities with complete details, contact names and numbers, and sign up forms.* Have it cleared with council that any boys recruited will still be able to go to camp for the early registration fee.

Why now (Spring)?

- You are away from the Fall frenzy when everything is starting up
- Kindergartners are available and not swamped

with a million things to sign up to do

- Most other organizations are slowing down or suspending for the summer
- Parents are not running around buying school supplies and signing kids up for other things
- Families are looking for activities to do together in the summer
- Summer is the best time to experience the outdoors where Scouting does its best job!
- You can have everything rolling (especially your new Tiger Den!!) when you do hold your Fall Join Scouting Night to really wow those who sign up then.

Adapted from the

Greater Pittsburgh Council website,
<http://www.gpc-bsa.org/>

Key features of a Spring Roundup campaign:

Kindergarten boys are invited early to join!

- Boys going into first grade may become Tiger Cubs anytime after the first day in June.
- First and second grade boys who were missed in the fall will be invited.
- National Council has helpful recruiting materials that should be available at every council headquarters

The key to success is, as always, **PROGRAM!** The council and districts offer great program opportunities like day camp which for many Cub Scouts, is a “mountain top” experience. By recruiting boys in May and June, they will be organized in time to experience Day Camp as well as opportunities for Cub-Parent events and Cub Scout Resident Camps. Of course other program opportunities will be important.

First packs need to:

- Organize the Tiger Dens and get them started on their Tiger Cub book. The new boys graduating from first to second grade can get caught up with their classmates by working on and earning their Bobcat badge.
- Provide fun activities such as a baseball game, a picnic or other activity, which are vital to keeping the interests of new boys who join.

Adapted from The Gerald R. Ford Council website
<http://bsagrfc.org/>

Pack Spring Roundup Coordinator Job Description

The Pack leadership appoints and/or recruits an individual to serve as the Pack’s Spring Roundup Coordinator. This name should be submitted to the appropriate District personnel.

This person should -

1. Determine the Packs Spring Rally / Tiger Cub



Let's gather as a district to honor our own:

KENNETH TINSLEY

The Council Fellowship Dinner honors deserving Scouters with the Silver Beaver Award. It is a formal occasion but the company will be great!

Ticket Price is \$42/person or \$80/Couple; after March 17, Tickets will rise to \$47 and \$94 (respectively.)

Signup Night.

2. Confirm date and secure permission for School Youth Talk and distribution of School Night flyers.
3. Order appropriate School Rally flyers. Suffolk County Council prides itself on filling orders of this nature in a timely manner.
4. Recruit additional leaders and parents as needed to help with the flyer distribution as well as with the actual Rally Night.
5. Check-out what incentive may be available for Spring Recruiting and how to get them.
6. Submit ALL NEW youth applications to your District Executive or the Boy Scout Service Center by a specified date
7. Continue follow-up with potential NEW youth not signed up at the rally night.
8. Promote NEW members and their parents to participate in the various council and district activities to be held over the summer months. Distribute flyer of activities and how they can sign-up to participate.
9. Turn in recognition forms for those Cub Scouts which served as recruiters and brought in a NEW member to join the Cub Scout Pack

THEME RELATED STUFF

Fun Facts About A Fun Spring – The Slinky Golden Empire Council

- During the Vietnam War, soldiers used Slinkys as mobile shortwave radio antennas.

- A Slinky dog was a character in the 1995 movie "Toy Story" – and his spring proved to both helpful and a problem!



- The Slinky is used as a percussion instrument by the Christian band Lost and Found, and in their song called "Lions" fans shout Slinky as the "instrument" is played.
- The Slinky, or a group of them, can be used to demonstrate almost anything to do with the science of earthquakes and seismology.
- The Slinky started as an accident, when a tension spring being tested in the development of a meter to monitor horsepower on US Naval ships fell from a desk. It kept wiggling, and the idea for a toy was born!
- The Slinky became the Official State Toy of Pennsylvania on November 4, 2001 by passage of a House Bill!
- Eddie Murphy ends some of his stand up performances by singing the Slinky Jingle.
- The Slinky was invented in 1943 by a mechanical engineer in the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard named Richard James.

Upcoming events for the Catholic Committee on Scouting...



Our Annual Cub Fun & Faith Day promises to be a lot of fun as we focus on the *Praying in Perfect Harmony*. Explore how Catholics from all over the globe can worship as one Body! Cub Fun & Faith Day will be held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Lake Ronkonkoma on Saturday, March 20 from 9:30am to about 2pm. See our flyer! Mass is the culmination of the day.

For any questions, please speak with Sylvia Murolo, District Rep. Sylvia's email is encourager@optonline.net and her phone is 631-476-9243.

**ESTABLISHED IN 1966, AND
WILL CELEBRATE 45 YEARS IN
2011.**

**PACK MEETINGS ARE HELD AT
ARROWHEAD ELEMENTARY,
EAST SETAUKET.**

Article written by Joseph Spaccarelli, Cubmaster of Pack 377, East Setauket.

Cub Scout Pack 377 was established in 1966. We are sponsored by Wilson Rite American Legion #432. We are located in Setauket, NY and have 35+ boys actively participating in our program. The philosophy and approach for the pack is to keep the "outing" in Scouting! We pride ourselves on a year long program and maintain a



A demonstration of knot tying skills.

very active pack. We offer something for everyone as demonstrated by the sample list of recent activities and accompanying photos.

Pack 377, Setauket

There are two main areas of focus for in the incoming year, Community Service and Physical Fitness.

Our boys have been logging many hours of service with the ultimate goal of reaching 50 hours per boy as



SCOUTING FOR FOOD COLLECTION



Since 1910, the ideals of Scouting have guided young men to perform "Service to others and to the community." Responding to the plight of America's poor and hungry is a traditional Scouting "Good Turn."

The Scouting for Food Good Turn makes a difference for thousands of people in our communities. In 2009 more than 14,700 pounds from our district alone went to Local Food Pantries.

Please have your filled "Scouting for Food" from King Kullen delivered to the **Coram Firehouse on Saturday March 20, 2010 from 9am to Noon.**

Can your adults and kids come and help? That would be awesome. For further information, please contact Ida Brownley at her email:

IdaBrownley@aol.com



they set their sights on the Presidential Service Award. Currently we are putting together a pilot program (proof of concept) in conjunction with some local members of the USAT (US Triathlon Association) to design an age specific tri-



Boys just wanting to have fun! Halloween 2009.

athlon program which includes a training program culminating in a triathlon event in the late summer. Many details are still being worked out. This will help retention as the boys get older and the Scouting program typically loses them to sports. It also provides a strong “bench” for the USAT for the next up and coming athletes.

For the record, Pack 377’s events is a record of what Cub Scouting can bring to a youngster. Besides the usual Blue & Gold Banquet and Pinewood Derby, there is a clearly a commitment to service. Pack 377 and its dens



A moment of satisfaction as members of Pack 377 finishes their Adopt-A-Highway assignment.

have offered service back to the community by having a “Caroling at the Atria” (December 2009), Scouting for Food (March 2010), A Route 347 Clean Up (April 2010) and Park Clean-Up by the Bear Den this past November.

But do they have fun?? Of course, the Pack has fun!! They went to a local indoor swimming pool, Visited Stony Brook Seawolves Football and visited a Promenade of Tree Decorating just in time for the holidays.

Of interest, is the strength of the Pack committee and adult leaders. To put together this kind of program, the Pack has successfully recruited leaders for each den and a real dedicated committee. Pack 377 is a Centennial Quality Unit and a member in good standing with the Benjamin Tallmadge District. They have a good rapport with Troop 377 who regularly supplies the dens of the Pack with trained Den Chiefs. The Pack is proud to announce that they now have a dedicated pack trainer in Mike Wilken who will assist the leadership in keeping up to date in our training requirements.

WEBELOS SPORTSMAN

Capital Area Council

Suggestions for Den Meetings

- ☞ Explain and discuss football signals.
- ☞ Invite a referee or umpire to talk with the den about signals and/or sportsmanship
- ☞ Parents and boys attend a high school or college football game.
- ☞ Go bowling as a den or at a district tournament if possible (belt loop)
- ☞ Have each boy list the sports in which he participated during the past year
- ☞ Attend a high school football/baseball game.
- ☞ Assign the scouts an Olympic event (gymnastics, swimming, luge, fencing, equestrian etc.). Have them find out the following:
 - ☞ How someone gets on the team.
 - ☞ Rules for the event.
 - ☞ How it is run
- ☞ Go fishing (belt loop)
- ☞ Invite a team member, sports figure, coach or referee to talk with the boys about teamwork, sportsmanship and fair play
- ☞ Have each boy list the sports in which he participated during the past year
- ☞ Decide on a demonstration for the pack meeting
- ☞ If you save cardboard Frozen Juice Cans you can play Tiddly-Croquet
- ☞ Learn a new sport.
- ☞ Learn what two individual and two team sports the boys will want to do.

One of the prime purposes of Cub Scouting is "encouraging good sportsmanship and pride in growing strong in mind and body." If the boys learn all the skills and rules involved in every sport this month, but don't get an inkling of what good sportsmanship means, everyone has wasted his time.

The leader's example will help to achieve these goals. Put stress on the fun of the game, not on winning. During inter-den competition, choose the teams so that ability is equally divided. If boys choose teammates, there is a good chance that most of the best players will wind up on one team. Encourage the less skillful players. Discourage others from belittling them. Sports in a Webelos den should be fun for all.

Good Sportsmanship

The ability to abide by the rules, to win without boasting and to lose without offering excuses is the essence of good sportsmanship. Sportsmanship re-

quires honesty, fair play, cooperation, competitive spirit, respect for authority and rules, acceptance of responsibility and respect for others. A real sportsman follows these rules in each game, but also in his/her life. Good sportsmanship is part of good citizenship. For example, to lose a class election gracefully.

The following is the code of sportsmanship of the Sportsmanship Brotherhood.

1. Keep the rules
2. Keep faith with your comrade.
3. Keep your temper
4. Keep yourself physically fit.
5. Keep a stout heart in defeat.
6. Keep your pride under control in victory.
7. Keep a sound soul, a clean mind and a healthy body.
8. Play the game.

Tiddly-Croquet

You need two sizes of frozen juice cans to make a Tiddly-Croquet game. Cut wickets of various lengths from the largest cans. Shoot the lids from the small cans through the wickets. Place one upside down on a smooth surface. Press hard on one edge with a "shooter" lid from a large can.

Frisbee Baseball

Played according to regular baseball rules. The pitcher throws the Frisbee toward the "batter" who then catches it. If he misses it, it is a strike and if it is outside the strike zone, it is a ball. The "batter" who has made a good catch, then throws the Frisbee and proceeds around the bases. If it is caught the "batter" is out. The rest of the game follows baseball rules

FAMILY MEMBER

Den Activities:

- ☞ Set up a Webelos Den family cook-out. Let the boys decide on the menu and do all the cooking and preparation. Have games for the brothers and sisters to play, and after dinner do some family activities.
- ☞ Make a list of fun activities of little cost and do them over several den meetings.
- ☞ Switch chores with another family member for a month.
- ☞ Have a meeting where boys try food that they have never tasted before. Have a "Taste It, You May Like It" party.
- ☞ Have the boys make their chart showing the

jobs that they and other family members have in their homes. Have them bring the charts to the meeting and tell what jobs they are taking on for the next two months, and how they will do them.

- Have a contest - take a small piece of cloth and a button, needle and thread. Have the boys sew a button on -- judge the button that is sewn on the best.
- Make a contest out of making a list of things families spend money for. See who can make the longest list. Most boys will forget things like rent, utilities, car payments, stamps, insurance, etc. You might think up a list of things that most boys will omit and award two points if they happen to list one.
- Have a cooking contest. Have each boy cook one dish and bring it to the meeting. Be sure they can tell how they made the dish. You might think about making a small recipe book for your den. This could include breakfast dishes, lunch, and dinner dishes. Also you might adopt some of these for your cookouts!
- Tracing your family roots can become a lifetime hobby. There are many books and classes on how to find information. Ask if any den parents have organized charts or have studied their heritage. Try to find out a family tree for both your mother and father's family. Make a list of the members of your family. What other relatives are living? (Grandparents, uncles, aunts, cousins)? Try to talk to them (or write) and ask them about their parents and grandparents. Ask for birthdays and year of death. Where they lived is also an important clue in your search.

Games

Shopping

This is a variation of Kim's game. Fill a grocery bag with items from your cabinet before the den meeting. Close to the activity time, add cold items from the refrigerator. To play the game, put one item from the bag at a time, announce the name and lay it on the table. When the bag is empty put everything back in quickly. Give boys a paper and pencil and ask them to write down what items were on your shopping bag.

Who Are We?

Ask boys to bring baby pictures and family pictures to the next meeting. Hold the pictures up one at a time and try to guess who it is. Bring in family vacation pictures and try to guess where the family went.

(Disney World, the White House, etc.) Think of other ideas of pictures the boys can bring to show off (first fish catch, riding a horse, talking to someone famous, etc.) Take some den pictures and make up an album of your Webelos family or take slides and play music while you are watching them

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March, 2010

- 11 Roundtable
- 20 *Scouting for Food* (see p. 4)
- 20 *CCOS Cub Fun & Faith Day* (see p. 3)
- 23 **TRAINING: Cub Leader Position Specific**
- 25 *Council Fellowship Dinner* (see p. 3)

April, 2010

- 15 Roundtable
- tbd TRAINING: BALOO
- 24 *Cub for Cub Event* (see p. 1)
- 24-25 *Webelos Spring Campout* (see p. 1)

May, 2010

- 1 District Dance
- 7-9 JCOS Annual Convocation, Family Campout at BHSC
- 13 Roundtable
- 28-31 Family Camp
- 29 Flag Placement

June, 2010

Summer events are at BHSC

- 5 Flag Pickup
- 10 Roundtable

July, 2010

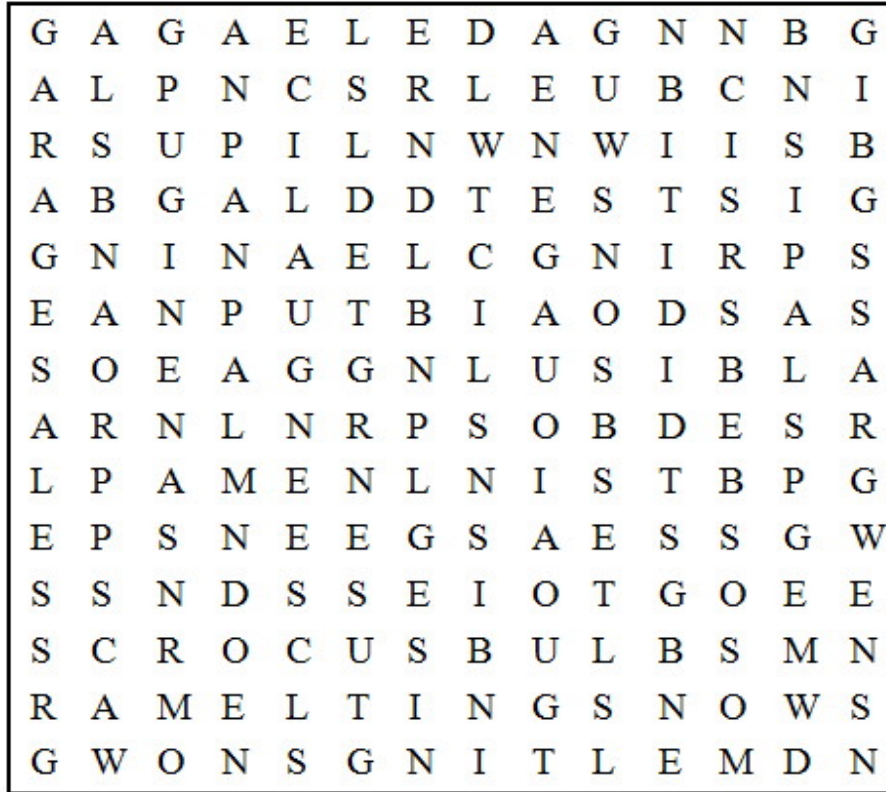
- 1-5 Family Camp
- 5-9 Cub Resident @ BHSC

August, 2010

- 15-19 Cub Resident @ BHSC
- 19 Roundtable & Annual Barbecue

GATHERING ACTIVITIES

Signs of Spring Word Search Golden Empire Council



Find the following words in the puzzle above. Words may be diagonal, horizontal or vertical. Words may be forwards or backwards.

Apple Blossoms
Crocus Bulbs
Spring Cleaning

Bird Songs
Garage Sales
Melting Snow

New Grass
Nest Building



March Madcap Mischief

Source: <http://www.brownielocks.com>

National Athletic
Training Month

American Chocolate
Week
March 15-21

National Common
Courtesy Day,
March 21

Sing with your Child
Month

World Folk Tales & Fa-
bles Week,
Mar. 22-28

Pencil Day,
March 30