

PACK 435 PRESS - April 2009

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Adopt-A Student Backpack Project

Service projects are a big component of scouting, and one of our favorite projects is the adopt-a-student backpack project.



Adopt-a-Student backpacks give us a chance to make sure that children in need, right here in the Chelsea School District, can return to school in the fall with all of the school supplies they need, including a brand new backpack and a \$25 gift card to Target (Pack 435 buys these)—so they can purchase clothes, shoes or other essentials.

How Does it Work?

Our event coordinator, Karen Lukomski, gets a list of grade-specific school supplies from North, Pierce, and South Schools and distributes one list to each den.

Your den “adopts” its own student. Each Cub Scout/parent chooses which supplies they would like to provide. Between now and July 23, cubs can earn the money to purchase those supplies however your family sees fit. We recommend you encourage your child to work to earn the money for these items – maybe through chores, collecting returnable cans from neighbors, tithings from allowance or savings, etc.

Who Gets the Backpacks?

Faith in Action of Chelsea processes requests from local families in need and distributes the backpacks accordingly.

Why Does Pack 435 Participate?

It's part of our promise to **help other people**. Kids can have a tough time understanding what it means to have the lights or gas shut off, but they can easily comprehend what it would feel like to return to school in September without new markers or a calculator, with worn out shoes, or maybe without a backpack. For kids who would go without, back-to-school time can be stressful; but with a fully-stocked backpack, back-to-school remains a rite of passage that we can help every child enjoy.

We hope you will embrace this project with gusto and use it as an opportunity to further develop a strong sense of giving, responsibility and community within your child.

2009 marks our third year of participation as a Pack.

Popcorn Clearance Sale, Saturday, April 25 at Polly's!

Our remaining popcorn inventory is being sold at cost (~70% of the retail value). Pick up an extra box to get you through the summer! Thanks to our volunteer sellers. Note that if popcorn sells out early, the later shifts may not be needed. The schedule for Saturday is:

9-10 - Chris Schop/Christopher/Ryan
10-11 - Bonnie Hartsuff/Liam/Zander
11-12 - Jennifer Holton/Noah
12-1 - Jean Delwiche/Aidan

Graduation/Swim

Sign up tonight at the committee table, so we can plan this special event just you and your family! Thanks to our Wolf den for organizing this year's event.



Date: **Saturday May 16**
Place: Beach Middle School Cafeteria/Pool
Times: 4:00 Ceremony
5:00 Swim (free for cubs, \$1 each per additional family member in the water)
6:00 Pot Luck and Grilled Hot Dog Dinner

Bring: *Dish to pass according to your rank, TBA*

RSVP: Tonight at the Committee table. After tonight, you can sign up any time **before Thursday May 1** by contacting Beth Timmerman at 475-4569 or beth.timmerman@sbcglobal.net.

The Pack will provide hot dogs and all the fixings, drinks, and tableware.

Camping News



For camping related questions, please contact Pack Camp Coordinator, Michele Mullens, at muldezyg2@comcast.net or 433-9626.

Cub Scout Resident Camp 2009

Every Scout and parent attending resident camp MUST have a resident camp specific health form. These forms are not yet available. The form should be available from www.gstcbsa.org in about 2-3 weeks. Once available, please complete a form for each parent and each scout attending and turn them in to your Den Camp Coordinator prior to resident camp. The Den Coordinator will then bring all forms to camp for check-in.

Cub Scout Day Camp 2009

Dates: June 22 - 24, 2009

Location: Tri County Sportsmen's League, 8640 Moon Road, Saline

Cost: \$40 per Scout and \$10 per adult walker

If you are not attending resident camp, here's an opportunity to experience some of the fun and exciting things done at camp. Scouts and parents spend 3 days rotating through scheduled activities such as: archery, crafts, wrist rockets, games, BB guns and cub skills.

Our Pack must provide one parent each day to walk with the Scouts for every group of 5 scouts. For example: if we have between 1 and 5 boys, we need to send one parent per day. If we have between 6 and 10 Scouts we need to send 2 parents, and so on.

Michele will have registration forms for you tonight or you can contact her with any questions.

Mom and Me Campout

This event is full. Those that have registered need to make sure and take a Boy Scout Health Form with sections A and C filled out. This form is available online at www.gstcbsa.org under the section titled Resources-Standard Forms. A completed form is required for each scout and parent.

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Thank you! to all the parents and scouts who helped with the Pinewood Derby concession. We sold 110 hot dogs, 3 dozen donuts, 100 bags of chips, and all of the drinks and baked goods. Total profits for the pack: \$331.37. Wow! We'll purchase four \$25 gift cards for our adopt-a-student backpack service project with this money. The balance will go into our general Pack funds.

Thank you! Brent Martin for going above and beyond the call of duty to make the district pinewood derby event a big success.

HELP WANTED

1. **Scouting for Food Coordinator** to assist with planning for this Faith-in-Action service project.
2. **Popcorn Den Captains** for 2009-2010 – Can you use Excel? Count? Track ins & outs? We need you!
3. **Raingutter Regatta 'Skipper'** to assist lead captain Jodi Bergman with event planning.



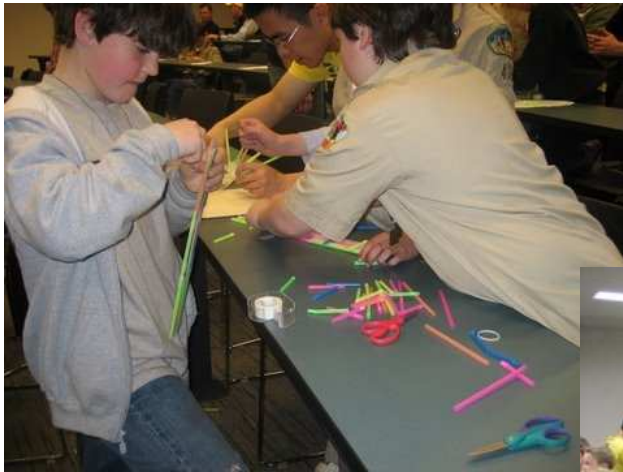
Build a Bridge Out of Straws? Only in Scouting!

On April 5, our Den 1 Webelos attended Engineering Day at U of M, sponsored by Tau Beta Pi. Our Webelos did some amazing things at this event:

- Built a bridge out of straws and measured how much weight it could hold
- Played with circuits
- Diagrammed a room
- Tried to drop an egg 4 stories without breaking it



Webelos, you'll have to fill us in on how that egg experiment went. We're all hoping Mr. Peterson and Mr. Roush weren't on the ground below. ☺



Nick Whitesall is hard at work.



Donations, Finances & Popcorn

A few parents have expressed interest in making a donation to Pack 435 to either supplement or replace their popcorn fundraising. If you would like to make a donation, you may give a check payable to Pack 435 to our treasurer Karen Schop (or to Gary or Stacey) at any time.

Here are some guidelines that you may find helpful: Our budget per year, per boy is

\$155. Our dues are \$30/year, which means we need to raise \$125 per scout each year through fundraising.

This year, 41 boys sold \$13,813.00 worth of popcorn -- that's an average of \$336.90 per boy. Pack 435 gets about 1/3 of that money (average of \$112.30 per boy). Great Sauk Trail Council gets 1/3 (a good thing!) and TrailsEnd gets 1/3.

2009 PACK 435 CALENDAR

Confirm date, time, and location with your leader or the event coordinator listed below.
Check <http://chelseapack435.org/> for other news.

4/23	Pack Meeting	North Creek Elem. Cafeteria
5/9 – 5/10	Mom & Me Overnight Campout Register online at gscbsa.org by April 24, 2009 <i>FILLED UP! Register to get on the wait list.</i>	Camp Munhackle (Gregory)
5/16	Pack Graduation, Swim, Pot Luck, 4:00 to 7:00 pm	Beach Middle School Cafeteria & Pool
5/25	☀️ Memorial Day Parade, 9:30 am (parade starts at 10) (Gary Handloser)	Starts in downtown parking lot behind Cleary's Pub. Ends at Cemetery.
June 22 – 24 (Mon – Wed)	☀️ District Day Camp, 9-4 daily (Michele Mullens)	Tri-County Sportsmen's League Club, 8640 Moon Rd., Saline MI
June 27 (Sat)	☀️ Open Swim Family Event (Stacey Anttila) 12-2pm No meal...just a fun get-together during regular open swim time at Beach. Regular pool fee of \$3/person.	Beach Middle School Pool
July 23 (Thurs)	☀️ Pack Picnic/Bike Ride (Jodi Bergman), 6pm Pot Luck Dinner; 6:30 Bike Ride, followed by fun & games!	Hudson Mills Metropark
July 23 (Thurs)	☀️ Adopt-a-Student Backpack Assembly (Karen Lukomski). Our summer service project to provide backpacks & school supplies for students in need in cooperation with Faith in Action.	Hudson Mills Metropark
July 30 – Aug 1 Session 10	☀️ Resident Camp (Michele Mullens) Den 2 Bears, Den 4 Wolves and Dens 5/6 Tigers	Camp Munhackle
Aug 6-8 th Session A	☀️ Resident Camp (Michele Mullens) Webelos I	Camp Munhackle
8/26 Wed	☀️ Fair Parade Float Building, 6:30 pm (Gary Handloser)	Cole Funeral Home Garage Area (subject to change)
8/29 Sat	☀️ Fair Parade, 12:15 meet at float (Gary Handloser)	Start at "Float" street along parade route lineup near Cole Funeral Home – look for float. Ends at Fairgrounds.
TBD	Planning Meeting and Pot Luck for Den Leaders & Committee, 4pm to @6:30	Timbertown (pavilion if rain)

☀️ = Summer Activity Award event.

Den Leaders and Pack Committee meet monthly. Interested parents are welcome to attend these meetings.
Please contact Stacey Anttila at 433-9751 or sla@marykay.com for details.

National Summertime Activity Award

Scouts must do at least 3 summer activities to earn the coveted Summer Activity Patch. Pack 435 provides plenty of opportunities for your Cub Scout to earn his patch – they're all marked with the ☀️ in the calendar above. We track attendance at each event and tally up each boy's participation in late August. Be sure to sign in at each event, so we can award your son his patch in the fall!