



Cub Scout Pack 40

Cub-o-Gram



Hudson Valley Council

April 2014

Core Value of the Month – Faith

Having faith means having inner strength or confidence based on our trust in a higher power.
Cub Scouts learn that it is important to look for the good in all situations.
With their family guiding them, Cub Scouts will grow stronger in their faith.

Upcoming Events

Summer Activities

We are beginning to plan a few Summer Pack Activities

1. **Hike**- *We need a volunteer to head this up*
2. **Kickball Event** –*We need a volunteer to head this up.* It was a success last year!
3. **Car Wash at Stewarts** –Our Cubmaster Rob Usher will be getting this scheduled for the Pack
4. **Renegades Campout**- John Noschese, one of Pack 40's parents, has already gotten this scheduled for us on July 12th. Details are on the Pack Calendar. John's contact e-mail is jrnosche719@yahoo.com

Upcoming Events

THE MAY PACK MEETING WILL BE

FRIDAY MAY 30TH AT 7:00PM

AT MYERS CORNERS SCHOOL

THE MARCH COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE

FRIDAY, MAY 23RD AT 7PM

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, WAPPINGERS FALLS

ALL PARENTS AND LEADERS ARE WELCOME

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Recognition Awards BBQ-

Sunday June 1st 1:00-5:00

This year it is a family event in East Fishkill.

The cost is \$10.00 per person.

More details to come!

*This is where leaders and parents from local packs and troops in the Hudson Valley come together to celebrate each other and be recognized and awarded for their outstanding achievements and commitments in Scouting for this year.

Announcements

Bring a Friend // Class B Wednesday's!

Scouts can bring a friend who is not in Scouts to our May or June Pack meeting.

Starting in May show your Pack 40 Pride and wear your Class B shirts to school on Wednesday's. *Hopefully this will encourage an invitation to an upcoming Pack Meeting by boy's who may be interested in Scouts.

Upcoming Service Projects

There are 3 upcoming service projects. Keep a look out for further details!

1. **Robinson Lane Tree Planting**--Mike Gulbrandsen a Pack 40 parent and our Charter Organization Representative has put together this project. We are just waiting for the date. This will be sometime after the CamporAll. Mike is able to get us 300 trees to be planted at Robinson Lane. All we need to do is show up with our Scouts and plant them. The holes will already be made for the trees and dirt is provided.
 2. **Sparrows Nest Service Project**--Patty Colucci, our Desert Crawlers Leader is heading up this service project. She will be sending out a note to the Pack explaining more about what this is along with a date and time of how we can all help.
 3. **Carnwarth Farms Service Project**– Kate Dusavage our Bear Den 4 Leader will be heading up this service project. She will send out a note to the pack explaining more about what we will be doing along with a date and time. Sign up to be on Scoutlander through her invitation.
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Moving Up Ceremony

During Our May Pack Meeting we will be celebrating all of our Scouts moving on to the next rank of Scouting. **If you have any suggestions please get them to Brian Colucci**

In the Scouting year, June 1st all Cub Scouts officially move up to the next rank.

A report from our Atomic Tacos:



April has been another super fun month for the Atomic Tacos! We spent two den meetings at the Eirish's house where Carrie taught the scouts everything they needed to earn the requirements for their Showman Activity Badge! The Taco's put on one heck of a show for us so we rewarded them with Starburst candy! Get it "STAR"burst... Showman!!!

Thomas Noschese and Ryan O'Keeffe were kind enough to invite the atomic tacos to help celebrate their birthdays at the Fishkill bowling alley! The scouts had a fun time at the dual birthday party and earned their bowling belt loops as a bonus! Happy Birthday Ryan and Thomas!!! Thanks again for inviting us all to your fun party!

The Atomic Tacos had a great time at our DEN CAMPOUT at Camp Nooteming! Several scouts earned their Outdoorsman and Communicator activity badges at this campout! We met at the cabins early Saturday morning and quickly set up camp so that they could all go fishing and earn their fishing beltloop! After teaching the boys the rules/laws of fishing and how to properly bait a hook, they all spread out around the lake and started casting away! After fishing, we brought the scouts back to the pavilion where they each learned how to properly whip and fuse fraying ends of rope. We then reviewed several of the requirements for the Communicator Activity badge. I think the scouts really enjoyed decoding my secret message of "Find John, he's got candy for you".

After lunch, we had a fun game of parents versus scouts in football! The parents put up a good fight but it was the scouts who won the game! I'm pretty sure we're going to need a rematch at the pack campout! We then taught the scouts how to properly use a compass before we took them on a three mile hike through the woods of Nooteeming! Their den leader was very happy that they could read the compass and tell him which way we had to go to get back to our cabins! Ron couldn't have been prouder of these cub scouts!!!!

After several hours of free time, we had the scouts assist with starting our cooking fire, prepping the food, cooking the food, and they cleaned up everything afterwards. You guessed it we had Tacos in Doritos bags for dinner!

The scouts then spent some time whittling sticks so they would be ready for their S'mores later in the evening. After they helped build the campfire, they also put on a nice improv skit for the parents! Sunday morning started very early with some more fishing down at the lake. After breakfast we reviewed the "leave no trace" guidelines and the scouts did a great job of cleaning up the entire area. The scouts were sad to leave after our closing ceremony... but smiles quickly returned when they were reminded of our Pack campout on April 25th!

As we look ahead to May, the Taco's are going to finish their Craftsman activity badge and also attend CamporAll. It's going to be another great month!!!

A Report from Wolf Den 6



Wolf Den 6 has had a busy month indeed. The wolves went on two trips: one to participate in the wildlife conservation program at the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum and the other to the Gustafson Planetarium at Sharpe Reservation.

At the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum, the boys learned all about the local ecosystems and the importance of conserving not only habitat, but all natural resources. It was a good time to introduce the Leave No Trace front country guidelines and the importance of each rule. The boys put most of this new information into use on our hike through the conservation center's trails. This fun filled day of learning and doing earned the boys their hiking belt loop, wildlife conservation belt loop, and wildlife conservation pin.

The trip to the Gustafson Planetarium was another great adventure, but this time the wolves were not alone. We had visitors from the rest of pack 40 and one from the old pack 25. The boys and their families participated in a fun tour of the night sky presented to us by Ms. Jill from the fresh air fund. All of the boys asked amazing questions and even stumped our expert a couple of times! They ended with making a star clock and learned how to identify time by lining up certain constellations with their clocks. This earned the participants the astronomy belt loop and pin!

Finally, wolf den 6 is going to highlight one of its scouts each month. [This month we recognize Robert Ceru.](#)



Robert enjoys scouting and is happy to share his scouting adventures with his family! He recently went on a horse-back riding trip and learned all about horse safety and how to mount and dismount a horse. He and his family went on a trail ride and had a blast along the way. Robert has scout spirit through and through for sure! So next time you see him, give him a high five to show him how proud we are that he is part of Pack 40! Congratulation Robert!

Pack Leadership

Cubmaster	Rob Usher
Assistant Cubmaster	Ken Maurer
Webelos I Den Leaders "The Desert Crawlers"	Patty Colucci Tom DiFiore
Webelos I Asst. Den Leaders "The Desert Crawlers"	Adam Bartlett Jason Olker
Webelos I Den Leader "The Atomic Tacos"	Ron Stoltzfus
Webelos I Asst. Den Leaders "The Atomic Tacos"	John Marchesona
Bear Den 4 Leader	Kate Dusavage
Bear Den 5 Leader	Meghann Hardesty
Bear Den 5 Asst. Leader	Susan DeMatteis
Wolf Den 6 Leader	Andrea O'Neill- Gregory
Tiger Den 7 Leader	John Reitter

Pack Committee

Chartered Organization Representative	Michael Gulbrandsen
Committee Chair	Brian Colucci
Assistant Committee Chair	John Reitter
Secretary	TO BE FILLED
Treasurer	Genevieve Gulbrandsen
Activity Chair	TO BE FILLED
Advancement Chair	Carrie Eirish
Pack Trainer	TO BE FILLED
Website/Publicity	Christine Maurer
Popcorn Kernel	Andrea O'Neill-Gregory
Assistant Popcorn Kernel	Ken Maurer
Assistant Popcorn Kernel	Regina Bartlett

Useful Links:

Pack 40: pack40wappingersfalls.scoutlander.com

(This is our Pack Website, which includes our event calendar to keep you updated on events and meetings)

Sports and Academics Program (Belt loops and pins):
<http://usscouts.org/advance/cubscout/a-sindex.asp>

(These are extra awards all Cub Scouts have the opportunity to earn. As a parent you can search this site with your Scout to find out requirements for each one. Once your Scout has completed any of these, print out the completed forms and present to your Den leader.)

Hudson Valley Council: www.hudsonvalleyscouting.org

BSA National Website: www.Scouting.org

Scout Parents: www.scoutparents.org

Training Available

Are you interested in helping the pack, but not sure if you are qualified? BSA offers **online training for leaders and parents** (www.MyScouting.org). Cub Scout Leaders, Cubmasters and Pack Committee Members are considered trained when they have completed Youth Protection Training and Cub Scout Leader Specific training for their position.

Additional "live" training is available from our council. hudsonvalleyscouting.org