



Cub Scout Pack 40

Cub-o-Gram



Hudson Valley Council

March 2014

Core Value of the Month – Compassion

Being compassionate means being kind and considerate and showing concern for the well-being of others. Cub Scouts will develop care and concern for the well-being of others by participating in the effort to collect items for charities.

Upcoming Events

Cub Scout Camping

Saturday April 26th

9:00 Arrival Time

Opening Ceremonies 10:00am

Sharpe Reservation

Camp Tommy,
436 Van Wyck Lake Rd, Fishkill, NY

*This is an event where some of the best
Scouting memories are made for you and
your Scout!*

*Webelos will be arriving on Friday evening, contact
your leader for details*

Contact for this event: Mike Gulbrandsen,
845-489-7250 ecoplanner1@netzero.com

Upcoming Events

**THE APRIL PACK MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE
DURING THE CAMPOUT AT SHARPE ON APRIL 26TH**

**THE MARCH COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE
FRIDAY, APRIL 11TH AT 7PM
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, WAPPINGERS FALLS
ALL PARENTS AND LEADERS ARE WELCOME**

**The Hudson Valley Council is
holding a CamporAll on May 17-18 at
the Dutchess County Fairgrounds.**

Cub Scouts are welcome to camp overnight Saturday-Sunday,
Or, just come for the day.

What is the CamporALL?

CamporALL is a three-day event where approximately 3,500 - 5,000
Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Venture Scouts, Sea Scouts, leaders,
parents, siblings and families will celebrate what Scouts do.

The programs, activities and special events will consist of astronomy,
brotherhood and fellowship, camping, climbing walls, fire building,
fireworks, geocaching, ham radios, inventions, Native American
culture, orienteering, pioneering, rocket launching, reverence, team
building, technology, wilderness survival and much, much more!

More information here: <http://www.camporall2014.org/>

Announcements

New Treasurer

**Genevieve Gulbrandsen has taken on the role as Pack 40's new Treasurer!!
Thank you Genevieve!**

Uniform Exchange

**Katie O'Keeffe will have a designated area at each Pack Meeting to accept or
give out Scout uniforms.**

Thank you Katie for heading this up!

Any questions please contact Katie at okeeff2@optonline.net

Flag at Myers Corners School

**The Flag ceremony on the Walkway went well and the new flag is currently up at
Myers Corners School. We will be retiring the old flag during our Pack Campout
with a proper Flag Retirement Ceremony.**

Bring a Friend

**Scouts are encouraged to bring a friend who is not in Scouts to our May or June
Pack meeting. Your friend will be encouraged to participate.**

Pack 40 Banner Update

**It has been suggested that we update our Pack 40 Banner.
If you are willing to head this project up please contact our
Cubmaster, Rob Usher rusher6973@yahoo.com**

Pack 40 Pancake Breakfast

Mark your calendars!

Saturday October 18th 8:00am-10:00am.

Applebees

**Even though it is far off we want to get the word out now for this excellent fundraising
opportunity. More information will be given as the date gets closer.
Parents and Scouts will be needed to take orders and serve.**

Summer Activities

**We are beginning to plan a few Summer Pack Activities one of them being a Family
Kickball Event. This was a great success last year!**

If you are interested in heading this up please contact

Brian Colucci at coluccib@optonline.net

He's come a long way!



Brian Colucci, our Pack Committee Chair will be awarded his Wood Badge at the March Pack Meeting

Please join us in congratulating him on this huge accomplishment!

Wood Badge is the most advanced training available for scout leaders in the programs of Boy Scouts of America. Brian's training was completed over 2 separate long weekends at our local scout camps. The first weekend was at Camp Nooteeming, and the second at Camp Bullowa. Wood Badge participants were placed into one of 8 patrols, each named after an animal. Your patrol becomes your "critter" for life. *Brian is a Beaver.*

The patrol method is used, and each participant develops a "ticket" based on their leadership position within their pack or troop. Fellowship, camping, plus a year and a half are allowed to complete one's ticket. The primary purpose of the Wood Badge experience is to strengthen Scouting in our units, districts, and local councils. The Wood Badge ticket represents the participant's commitment to complete a set of personal goals relating to that individual's Scouting position. These goals will significantly strengthen the program in which the participant is involved. In addition, the ticket gives participants an opportunity to practice and demonstrate a working knowledge of the leadership skills presented during the course.

Brian's ticket was developed around his position as the Pack 40 Committee Chairperson. It focused on building the pack leadership and parent involvement by enlisting additional leaders to fill vacant positions on the pack committee, getting additional parents involved pack activities like the bike rodeo, creating a pack "operating manual" explaining how Pack 40 operates for new / future leaders, receiving additional training in working with scouts with disabilities, focusing on ADD/ADHD, and providing information to Pack 40 leaders that they can use with scouts with ADD/ADHD, and using press releases and social media to publicize the great things that Pack 40 scouts are doing. He began Wood Badge N7 374 12 in August 2012 (along with fellow Pack 40 leader Daniel Mochon). Brian fully completed his ticket November 2013.

Upon successful completion of the ticket, the participant is entitled to receive the Wood Badge recognition. This consists of a parchment certificate, the Wood Badge beads (two wooden beads on a leather thong), a tan neckerchief with a swatch of MacLaren tartan, and a leather woggle or neckerchief slide.

It takes a lot of thinking about what the unit needs and a lot of work to make those goals come true to finish a ticket. It's also good for youth to see adults set and achieve high goals.

Congratulations to Brian Colucci, Pack 40 is so proud of you and your great accomplishment!

A REPORT FROM OUR ATOMIC TACOS



The Atomic Taco's have had a very busy month of fun-filled scouting activities! We started March with having several Atomic Taco's participate in the St. Patrick's Day Parade! The scouts did a great job representing Pack 40 as they marched down the streets in the Town of Wappingers!

The following week we all had an amazing time at our annual Blue and Gold Banquet. All of the Atomic Taco's did a great job with creating a poster to show how they can "Be Prepared"!

Our first den meeting in March proved to be quite "**rocky**" as we had John Borchert come in as our guest speaker to teach the boys all about Geology. Mr. Borchert did an amazing job at teaching the scouts all of the requirements that they needed to earn their Geologist activity badge! He was also kind enough to share a large sample of his rock collection with the scouts. I think Mr. Borchert and the Taco's were pleasantly surprised when we presented them with Rock Candy after the meeting! **Get it? Rock Candy... Geologist!**

We were fortunate enough to have Principal Dominick, from Vassar Road Elementary School, attend our second den meeting in March to lead the scouts through everything they needed to earn their Scholar activity badge. Principal Dominick was a cub scout in his younger years and he was thrilled to have the opportunity to come and speak with the Taco's. Mrs. Eirish was very clever when she surprised us all with **smarties** as an after meeting treat! **Get it? SMARTies and Scholar!**

We have a very busy month coming up in April! We'll use both of our April den meetings to complete the Showman activity badge. The Atomic Taco's are also planning a Den Campout at Camp Nooteeming on April 12th & 13th immediately followed by our Pack Campout at Camp Tommy on April 25 through April 27th!!!

Pack Leadership

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

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