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Thank You!

Pack 53 had an amazing showing at the New England Centennial Scout Show on Jan 23 & 24! I share with you here an email that our Pack Committee Chair, Rick Millette, sent to the Pack Committee after the event:

"...thanks to all of you for your help this weekend at the Scout Show. It was an overwhelming success! A lot of hard work and volunteerism by both leaders and parents went into making our presence at the show as good as it was and I wanted to take a moment to let you all know how proud I was to be a part of our exhibit and a member of our Pack. Thank you!

The response we got from other Packs, Troops and visitors was very positive. They all loved the "Snow Box Derby" display and I suspect it will now become a much more popular event around New England because of it.

We received praise from the Mohegan Council, other Packs and parents on our Commemorative Neckerchief Slides because of the spirit of having an activity that involved more than just our both,



but many booths throughout the show. It spurred many people to see every corner of the DCU center in search of the elusive "beads" to complete their slides and fun was had by all! Thank you to Dave, Diane and the entire Keyes clan for their monumental effort in getting this done. It was certainly an impressive feat noticed by all who participated. We must have handed out over 1400 of them over the 2 days! WOW!

Also thanks to Tom Greenwood and his helpers and all the kids at the January Pack meeting for making the great new Pack #53 Wall Hanging and all the posters that made our booth look Great!

What a wonderful event and great group of people we have to work with. The fact that we managed to pull this off on the same weekend that we also had a very well staffed Food Pantry, (thanks Allison and all) is a testament to how well we work as a team! Together, EVERYONE, made these events very successful and special for all! "

For any of our Pack 53 families who may have missed this historic event, or anyone who wants to revisit it, a slideshow is available on the Council website:

www.mohegancouncilbsa.org

Annual Pack Can and Bottle Drive

Saturday, February 13 from 10:00 a.m. To 1:00 p.m., Pack 53 will be at the Auburn Fire Station collecting cans and bottles. We specifically program this event for the weekend after the Superbowl to ensure a good haul. Save your empties and bring them by, and be sure to tell your friends and neighbors to do the same. All funds raised help support the ongoing Pack programing. Don't forget to come and work a shift to earn community service credit!

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Cub Scout Day Camp at Treasure Valley

IS IT SUMMER YET?

The Summer Day Camp at Treasure Valley is an exciting experience for Cubs of all ages. Four camp weeks are offered and there is a discount on the registration fee for Dens that have at least four members attending in the same week.

This year's theme is "Solve the Crime". Solve the Crime at Day Camp in 2010 and explore more about the exciting world of CSI! Day Camp is an adventurous time for graduating Tigers, Wolves, Bears and Webelos. It is a week of advancement, fun, campfires, and adventure! Learn skills in Archery, BB Gun, Climbing, Swimming, Conservation and spend some time doing Arts and Crafts. Day camp has tons of opportunity for one and all.

More information, including registration forms, can be found on the Council Website: www.mohegancouncilbsa.org. The cost per week is \$220 if paid in full by May 1.

Fun Events for the Entire Family

PACK CAMPING WEEKEND

Pack 53's winter family camping weekend is fast approaching. March 5 - 7 will find us staying and playing at Treasure Valley Scout Reservation.

Accommodations are indoor and include bathrooms and kitchen facilities. Cost is estimated at \$25 per family, which includes meals, snacks and beverages for the weekend. You'll need to bring sleeping bags, pillows, and toiletries, as well as a flashlight and weather appropriate clothing. There are plenty of opportunities for the Scouts to work on achievements and electives over the weekend. In past years families have enjoyed playing games, day and night hiking, watching DVD's, and a talent show with the Boy Scouts from Troop 53. You can attend just one or both nights.

HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS SCOUT NIGHT

Sunday, February 28 at 3:00 p.m. is Scout "Night" at the DCU Center. If we get a group from the Pack interested in attending, tickets will be \$19.00 each (almost \$10 off the regular ticket price!) Scouts who attend will also receive a special patch.

Community Service Update

"...TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE..."

The Pack's Community Service events are ongoing throughout the year. As a reminder, Scouts who participate in a total of 10 between September and May receive a special patch; those who do 15 get the patch and have their names inscribed on the plaque at the Auburn Town Hall. Collect can tabs and bring them to any Pack meeting. Every time you do, you'll receive one community service credit!

Pack 53 Annual Pinewood Derby

JUST TWO MONTHS AWAY!

The annual Pack 53 Pinewood Derby will be held on Saturday, April 10 in the auditorium at Faith Baptist Church. Races begin at noontime and refreshments (hot dogs, snacks and drinks) will be available for sale. The entire family and any special guests are invited to attend and cheer on the racers.

Official Pack 53 Pinewood Derby Rules

Pack Members should pay close attention to RULE NUMBER 5!

- Rule 5 is part of official BSA guidelines, but isn't specifically mentioned in the specs that come with the Pinewood Derby kit!

(Full rules and guidelines are published in booklet form by the BSA. The Pack has a copy of this booklet if you wish to see it.)

1. WIDTH: Car cannot be more than 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches wide.
2. LENGTH: Car cannot be more than 7 inches long.
3. WEIGHT: Finished car cannot weigh more than 5 ounces. The weight shown on the Official Race Scale is final. All car parts and materials should be firmly attached. To increase car's weight, use wood or metal only.
4. WHEEL PLACEMENT: The car body must be at least 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches wide at the axles. It must clear the ground by at least $\frac{3}{8}$ of an inch. If desired, you may change the wheelbase (distance between front and rear axles).
5. WHEELS AND AXLES: Use only Official Scout Grand Prix wheels and axles. You can polish the axles. You may lightly sand the wheels to remove the molding seam on the tread, but **the treads must be left FLAT. No other wheel changes are allowed.** You may not use bearings, washers, or brushings.
6. SPRINGING: The car may not ride on any type of springs.
7. DETAILS: Details such as steering wheel, driver, decals, painting, and interior details are okay. The finished car with details must meet the maximum length, width and weight rules. Cars with wet paint will not be accepted.
8. ATTACHMENTS: The car must be free-wheeling with no starting attachments.
9. LUBRICATION: Use powdered graphite only. You may not use any other lubricant, including oils and silicone sprays. No graphite may be applied after car inspection.
10. INSPECTION: Each car must pass inspection by the Official Inspection Committee before it can compete. The inspectors will disqualify any car not meeting these rules. Any adult or scout may appeal the findings of the inspectors to the Race Committee Chair, whose decision is final.

Race Ground Rules

1. Cars must be brought for inspection on **Friday April 9, between 6:30 and 8:30 PM**. Tools and supplies for modification will be available at that time.
2. Once the car has passed inspection, **it will be kept by the race officials until the conclusion of the race** the following day.
3. Prizes are given for top three Pack finishers, top finisher for each Den, and for best design/creativity.
4. A race for family members of Cubs who wish to enter a car will be held. All official rules apply to these entrants as well.

PACK 53 EVENT CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

Saturday 13	Community Service	Annual Pack Can & Bottle Drive 10 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Auburn Fire Station	Earn community service while earning funds for the Pack & helping to recycle. Dress weather appropriately.
Monday 22	Committee Meeting	February Meeting 6:30 p.m. Room 205 at FBC	Monthly Pack Committee Meeting. All Pack adults are welcome to attend.
Saturday 27	Community Service	Food Pantry 10 a.m. - Noon St. Spyridon's Church, Worcester	All volunteers are welcome! Please wear full uniforms.
Sunday 28	Council Event	Harlem Globetrotters 3:00 p.m. DCU Center Worcester	Discounted tickets at \$19 each. Enjoy the game and special events at "Scout Night" at the Harlem Globetrotters. Must sign-up and pay in advance.

MARCH

Friday - Sunday 5 - 7	Pack Event	Winter Family Camping Weekend Treasure Valley, Rutland	Always a popular event - indoor camping (with bathrooms facilities). Lots of fun indoor and outdoor activities for everyone to enjoy. Please sign up in advance - you can attend one or both nights.
Sunday 14	Pack Event	Pack Trip to Coco Key Indoor Water Park Fitchburg, MA 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Back again by popular demand. Adults \$15, Kids \$10. Must sign-up and pay in advance. Bring your swimsuits and towels!
Monday 15	Committee Meeting	March Meeting 6:30 p.m. Room 205 at FBC	Monthly Pack Committee Meeting. All Pack adults are welcome to attend.
Friday 19	Pack Meeting	March Pack Meeting 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Faith Baptist Church	Details TBA