



Pack 1530 Newsletter

Blue & Gold Banquet on February 25th

On February 25th, 2011 is the pack's Blue & Gold Banquet. This is a way to celebrate Scouting Anniversary Week. The Blue & Gold Banquet will bring families together for an evening of fun and cheer.

We will be reaching out to parent volunteers. Look for details in the next newsletter.

Parent Volunteers Needed for Pack Activities

We need a June Campout Coordinator and a couple people to help out on a new Membership Committee. Anyone interested can contact me or Merry Dimitri.

Cheer Pack 1530 Pinewood Derby & Bake Off Winners

Come cheer the Pack 1530 entrants at the district Pinewood Derby and Bake-Off on February 12th at the Pender United Methodist Church, 12401 Alder Woods Drive Fairfax, VA 22033.

More information [here](#).

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Upcoming Events

February 2011 Events

February 5 - Akela Chess Classic
 February 8 - Scout Sunday
 February 18 - Mount Vernon Has Free Admission for Scouts in Uniform
 February 25 - Blue & Gold Banquet
 February 27 - Pack Ski Trip

March 2011 Events

March 4 - 5 - Scout Day with the Harlem Globetrotters
 March 23 - 27 - Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus

Pack's Pinewood Derby Featured in Local Paper

Local newspaper "Oakton Patch" wrote a great article about our pack's Pinewood Derby this past Saturday, January 22, 2011. It also has wonderful pictures of the boys racing their cars.

Our own Thomas Heitman was quoted as saying, "It's usually one of the bigger events of the Scout year as parents and sons work together on the cars. The point of the derby is to have parents and children working together on something. It's important to help build that bond."

If you haven't check it out, here is the link: <http://oakton.patch.com/articles/scouts-parents-bond-over-pinewood-derby-2?ncid=M255>

Pack Ski Trip on February 27

The Pack Ski Trip to Whitetail is coming up in February. Please fill out the forms and return them to Kim Underwood by February 10th.

Check out last month's newsletter for more information on pricing and ski details:
<http://pack1530.com/newsletter/December2010.pdf>

Food

Here is some new details:

All participants will receive a one-time only coupon for 25% off of food. Also available is the meal plan.

Group Super Saver Meal Plan - \$9.25

The Group Super Saver Meal Plan is \$9.25 per person and includes four meal options. The Blue Plate Special Option - hot buffet choices and a small drink. The Cheeseburger or Hot Dog Option - includes cheeseburger or hot dog, french fries and a small drink. The Deli Sandwich Option - includes a fresh deli sandwich, bag of chips and a small drink. The Personal Pizza Option - includes a personal size pan pizza, bag of chips and a small drink. Purchase as many or little as you need.

Optional Bus Transportation

If enough people want this, we can rent a bus to take us there and back for about \$26/person

Minimum number needed – 29 people

Scout Sunday is a Day to Honor Scouts

The Boy Scouts of America designates the Sunday that falls before February 8 (Scouting Anniversary Day) as Scout Sunday, which is the primary date to recognize the contributions of young people and adults to Scouting. However, each chartered organization can use either of two other options to celebrate this special day.

An organization can adopt a specific Sunday to celebrate. In the instance of the United Methodist Church, Scout Sunday is celebrated on the second Sunday in February. It also is permissible for a local church to celebrate on the Sunday most acceptable to the pastor and congregation.

Show Your Chess Moves at the Akela Chess Classic

What is it? The biggest Cub Scout chess tournament ever held in the Mid-Atlantic!

When is it? Saturday, February 5 at 8:00 AM

Check-in starts at 8 a.m. with the awards ceremony at 3:30 PM.

There will be two separate, concurrent tournaments: Tigers/Wolves, and Bears/Webelos.

There are 5 rounds: 9:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 11 AM, 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM.

Where is it? Potomac Baptist Church: 20747 Lowes Island Blvd, Potomac Falls, VA 20165

More details and registration form can be found on the pack's [web site](#). Sign up by January 31, 2011!

Scout Day with the Harlem Globetrotters

Cub Scouts, family and friends are invited to enjoy the Harlem Globetrotters when they come to the Patriot Center in Fairfax on March 4th, and the Verizon Center on March 5th. The Harlem Globetrotters games are:

3/4 @ 7:30 PM - Patriot Center - Tickets are \$14 (regularly \$26 or \$36.50)

3/5 @ 1 PM - Verizon Center - Tickets are \$18.50 (regularly \$26.50 or \$36.50)

3/5 @ 7:30 PM - Patriot Center - Tickets are \$18.50 (regularly \$26.50 or \$36.50)

Scout patches are \$0.50 each.

For more information, contact Alan Fontane or Ashley Miller at (202) 661-5061.

Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus in March

Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey circus is coming to the Verizon Center on March 23-27 [discounted tix are \$8, 12, 24 or 29] and to Patriot Center on April 14-24 [discounted tix are \$12 or 24]. These prices are \$6 off the regular price. Contact Alan Fontane or Ashley Miller at (202) 661-5061.

Here is another option by [ADAMS Scouting](#):

Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus has made a special promotion available to scouting in our area that will save you \$6* on event tickets for the following area venues:

March 12-23: 1st Mariner Arena, Baltimore

March 23-27: Verizon Center, Washington DC

April 14-24: Patriot Center, Fairfax

Use code “**BL&GLD**” when ordering online at <http://www.ticketmaster.com> to receive the discount. For groups of 15+, please call (202) 686-3200, ext 6990 for Washington and Fairfax venues, or (877) 407-8497 for Baltimore. Scouting groups - please state so and you will receive a FREE commemorative patch!

**(Offer excludes Circus Celebrity, Front Row, and VIP Seats. No double discounts)*

Cub World Early Registration Discount and Giveaway

You will want to take advantage of completing early registration and payment (prior to May 2nd) for Cub World Summer Program at William B. Snyder, Haymarket, VA. Cub World is a parent/child multi day camp full of fun and camping adventure. This is a real highlight of a Cub's summer. All early registering campers will enjoy a discount on the program price and will be eligible for a FREE Cub World glow stick (available upon arrival at camp). Visit the website at <http://www.CubWorldatCampSnyder.org> or call NCA offices at (301) 214-9156.

Mount Vernon Has Free Admission for Scouts in Uniform

Mount Vernon will issue a FREE admission ticket until February 18, 2011 to all Scouts who wear their uniforms or official membership pins to Mount Vernon.

During this period, Scouts are invited to participate in a wreath laying ceremony at General Washington's Tomb. [Call ahead to participate in wreath laying ceremony.] Two registered leaders, in uniform or with identification and on a visit with their unit during this time, will be admitted at the reduced student rate. Additional adults will be charged the regular adult rate. Regular admission rates apply at other times of the year.

Upon completion of activities, the following patches and pins can be purchased at the Shops at Mount Vernon:

- Mount Vernon Historic Trail Patch
- George Washington: Pioneer Farmer Patch
- Mount Vernon Surveying Patch
- George Washington Reading Pin
- George Washington Tomb Pin (Wreath laying)
- Mount Vernon Surveying Pin

See <http://www.mountvernon.org/visit/plan/index.cfm/pid/41/> for more information.

Attendance and Meetings

**We're on the
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pack1530.com**

1. Pack Meetings are usually held on the third Friday of the month, 7:30 p.m. at Vale United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. (There are exceptions, however, so be sure to check with your Den Leader and Pack Calendar.)
2. Be sure to arrive 15 minutes early so that the boys can check-in with their Den Leaders and prepare for their meeting activity/display. This will enable the Cubmaster to start the meeting on time.
3. During Pack Meetings, an adult must accompany all Scouts. The adult is responsible for the behavior of the Scout and other siblings in attendance.
4. Den Meetings are usually held weekly or semi-monthly (Wolf level and above), at the Den Leaders discretion, and generally at a Scout's home. Please do not have the boys there too early or late, and notify your Den Leader if your son cannot attend.



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