



St. Joe's Pack 87



Pack 87 Families,

I hope that everyone had a safe and restful break. Back to school is always a busy time – getting back into the morning routine, fall sports, and after school events. As we always do, the Scouting calendar is set for the entire year, providing advanced notice to plan, divide and conquer. Scouting and sports CAN coexist but it takes extra planning and the occasional missed meeting to make it work. Sports seasons come and go but our events go all year round which means that missing a meeting or two isn't going to end your son's Scouting career. Do your best, keep your leaders informed and we can make sure that your Scout doesn't miss out on anything!

– Cubmaster Harrison

Scout Law Theme for August – Courteous

“A Scout is polite to everyone regardless of age or position. He knows good manners make it easier for people to get along together.”

For everyone that attended the rain gutter regatta, it may have seemed chaotic at times but I was very impressed by the patience that the boys showed waiting their turn and following instructions. Through the excitement of the moment it's easy to forget the “magic words”. Whether it's a Cub Scout function, school activity or just sitting around the dinner table take time to remind you Scout to say ‘please’ and ‘thank you’. A little manners goes a long way.

2017-18 Pack Calendar

Our annual calendar has many tried and true activities as well as a few new additions. One of the best parts about Scouting is that it is true to life – some things work out just as planned, others are learning experiences. Along the way the Scouts (and parents) see improvisation and problem solving in action. Keep this in mind as we go through the year – it may not always work as we hoped but we'll make the most out of every opportunity presented to us!

NEW events in 2017-18:

- Spangler Factory Tour – Scouts love Dum Dums and I've always wanted to give it a try!!
- Toledo Fire Fighter Museum – A history lesson and fire safety experience all rolled into one



Upcoming Events

Aug 29th | 7-8PM

Fall “Join Scouting” Night – Family Center

Sep 12th | 7-8PM

Popcorn Kick-off & Games Night – Family Center

Sep 16th | 1-4PM

Pack 87 Popcorn Blitz – Old Orchard, West Toledo

Sep 30th | 1-3PM

Clean Streams Trash Pickup – Ottawa Park, West Toledo

2017 Solar Eclipse

As proof that I can find a patch for EVERYTHING, I wanted to let everyone know about the opportunity for Scouts to earn a unique patch for the solar eclipse on August 21st. I handed out small boxes to Scouts at the rain gutter regatta but really anyone can make a viewing device using instructions available in the August issue of Boys' Life magazine.

If the boys observe the eclipse and write down answers to a few brief questions, they are IN.



More Important News

July & August Pack Activity Re-Cap

Summer is all about being outside, getting dirty and making the most out of every day. As a Pack I think we did a great job doing all of these things. Between Cub Day Camp at Miakonda, Webelos Resident Camp at Frontier, the Pack swim night at Sylvania Country Club and the grand finale rain gutter regatta, we had awesome participation and made some fantastic memories for our Scouting families. Below are a couple pictures and I think that they speak for themselves!



Popcorn Season

The annual popcorn campaign OFFICIALLY kicks off on September 15th. We will cover the details of this year's prizes and goals at our September Pack meeting but wanted to put a reminder out there. All of our Scouts sign a promise not to sell popcorn before the 15th (a Scout is Trustworthy); however, you can always remind your neighbors, relatives and friends that there are only 3 sure things in this world...death, taxes and CUB SCOUT POPCORN!

Boys' Life Challenge

Don't forget to send in your Scout's monthly submission for the Boys' Life Challenge. With every month comes a new issue and a TON of great information.

August Birthdays

Happy birthday to the following Scouts:

Gabe Zbierajewski (AoL) – 2nd
Matthew Lawrence (Wolf) – 11th

Welcome New Scouts

A Pack 87 welcome to Luke Jennewine (Bear) who is joining us from Pack 263 at Whiteford Elementary.

Summer Camp

Thanks to all of the families that helped their Scouts make it to summer camp. Overall we had 23 Scouts attend camp this year which is over 60% of our boys. GREAT JOB!!! If you have any feedback (good or bad) about your camp experience, please let me know.

Summertime Activity Awards

Congratulations to the following Scouts who earned the Summertime Activity Award for their rank. Pins will be awarded at the Sep 12th Pack meeting.

Tiger:

Jack Droll

Wolf:

Lorenzo Delos Reyes
Gryphon Debord

Webelos I:

Anthony Caruso
Wesley Droll
Andrew Ellis
David Ellis
Josh Harrison
Dominic Liberatore

Arrow of Light:

Ben Baker
Jonathan Brinker
Eliot Brody
Devin Ostrowski
Will Smith