

St. Joe's Pack 87

Pack 87 Families,

As many of you know, I am a marathon runner. The key to finishing a marathon is sticking with the pace that you used to train –too fast and you burn out quickly, too slow and you may not make your desired time. These same principles apply to the Scouting year; we've trained our Scouts to do great things and our pace is just where we need it to be. Looking back at fall 2016, we started the year off by exploding a watermelon with rubber bands, followed that with a night of popcorn games and prizes, completed a very successful popcorn fundraising campaign, celebrated Halloween with an unbreakable piñata, spent a weekend at Camp Miakonda with Troop 87, played bingo with the folks at Genesis Healthcare and ended with a night of fun at Sky Zone. It sounds like a lot, but that's the pace of a successful Pack with a strong group of youth, leaders and parents. As we enter a busy time in Scouting just remember that the time goes by fast but we're keeping pace to make this year one of the best!

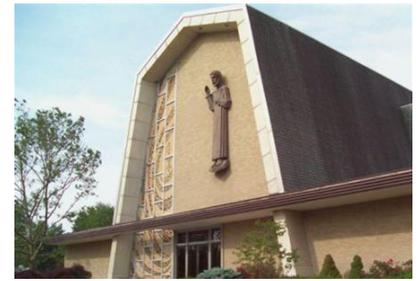
– Cubmaster Harrison

Scout Law Theme for January – Trustworthy

We start the year off at the top of the Scout Law – Trustworthy. This can be a big word that is difficult to explain to our Scouts. In simple terms, a Scout tells the truth. He is honest and keeps his promises. People can depend on him. The days of 'gentlemen agreements' and relying on handshakes to seal the deal are gone, but that doesn't mean that we can't reinvigorate the power of trustworthiness in our youth. Ask your Scout what Trustworthy means to them.

Pinewood Derby

Nothing is more iconic than a group of Scouts racing pinewood derby cars down the track. As in previous years, we have a half day of races planned for the Pack (refer to flyer for details and times by rank) and the top 3 for each rank in the speed and design category will receive a FANTASTIC trophy hand crafted by Marcus Droll. It can be a rough day for some Scouts that don't do as well as they hoped. A good time to fall back on the Cub Scout motto "Do Your Best". Just a reminder to check and double-check the NW District rules to make sure that there are no issues on race day.



Upcoming Events

Jan 17th | 7PM

Pack Meeting/Bear Carnival – East Campus Family Center

Jan 19th | 7-8PM

Pinewood practice – West Campus Basement

Jan 21st | 10AM-3PM

Pack 87 Pinewood Derby – West Campus Gym

Feb 5th | Noon Mass

Scout Sunday – St. Joseph Church

Blue & Gold Banquet

Each February we celebrate the anniversary of Scouting with the Blue & Gold banquet. It is a time to gather together, recognize the accomplishment of the year AND have a lot of fun with Scouts and their families. This year we are planning a pizza party with a Pokémon theme. We are also bringing in Andrew the Magician to entertain us with his many tricks and illusions!

Look for an Evite in the coming weeks so that we can plan food accordingly. If you are interested in helping with the banquet, please contact Julie Ostrowski (mommysmile@att.net).

More Important News

November Pack Meeting & Activities

It's hard to believe that November was so long ago. We had 2 great events including our annual camporee with Troop 87 at Camp Miakonda and bingo night at Genesis Healthcare. Both of these activities were well attended and a TON of fun!

The weather was perfect for our campout and we took full advantage with outdoor activities Friday night and all day Saturday. The weekend was capped off with campfire songs, skits and awards and like last year we had a custom patch made to distill the memories.

This was the second year that we've helped with bingo at Genesis and I was very proud to see our Scouts interact so well with the participants. I spoke to several Scouts and parents after the event and I think the boys enjoyed this as much as a weekend at camp!

December Pack Meeting

We had an awesome night at Sky Zone to celebrate and officially close out our Pack popcorn sale. Scouts got to enjoy some time jumping while most parents watched from the sidelines (although I did see a couple adults working up a sweat!). Look for more great opportunities like this as we go into the spring. If you have any ideas for events/activities, feel free to let me know.



December & January Birthdays

Happy birthday to the following Scouts:

Will Zbierajewski (Dec 17th)
John Newsom (Dec 18th)
Aidan Barta (Dec 19th)
Lorenzo Delos Reyes (Dec 23rd)
Michael Russell (Jan 17th)
Brendan Lagger (Jan 18th)

Partners for Clean Streams

Partners for Clean Streams is an organization that promotes educational programs and supports activities to keep our waterways clean. On March 5th from 1:30-4:30 the University of Toledo will host their 15th annual Clean Streams workshop.

The event is open to youth grades K-5. Participants rotate through several hands on activities to learn about the importance of our water supply and ecosystem.

Advanced registration is required – the Pack will cover the entry fee for any Scout that attends. Please contact Cubmaster Harrison if you are interested.

Cub Day Camp

The schedule for Cub Day Camp at Miakonda has come out and we would like to encourage all Scouts to participate the week of July 17th (9AM-4PM).

The camp staff put on a top notch program and many of our Scouts would agree that it's a highlight of the summer! Registration opens on Feb 1st on the Erie Shores Council website.

We will discuss more at an upcoming Pack meeting but wanted to put a 'Save the Date' out there since many families are juggling vacations, camp programs and other activities throughout the summer.