



Cub Scout Pack 40

Cub-o-Gram



Hudson Valley Council

April 2013

Core Value of the Month – Faith

In springtime we give thanks for the gift of the renewal of the natural world around us—the birds returning, seeds sprouting, daylight becoming longer each day, our friends and our family.

We have faith that the world around us is renewed each year. Giving thanks is an expression of our having inner strength and confidence based on our trust in a higher power.

Sharpe Reservation Camping

This year we will be camping at Sharpe Reservation at Camp Tommy. Please plan to arrive on Saturday May 4, 2013 at 9:00am. The Opening Ceremony will begin at 10:00am.

Scouts and parents will be bunking in cabins (screen windows/door). Each cabin has lights and multiple bunk beds. Please bring a warm sleeping bag – it will be chilly overnight! A suggested packing list is on the pack website.

Each den will be preparing and cooking their own meals for Saturday lunch and Sunday breakfast. Your den leaders will have more information about your meal plan. Saturday night dinner will be a pack meal held in the mess hall and will consist of pasta with marinara sauce or butter, garlic bread, mixed veggies, milk, coffee and tea.

We will be holding our annual pack campfire on Saturday night. Scouts are asked to be prepared with a couple of jokes (parents – please make sure they are appropriate!) Dens will also have an opportunity to present a skit or song.

We are looking forward to another awesome camping experience!

Upcoming Events

BALOO TRAINING – April 27

WEBELOS LEADER OUTDOOR TRAINING – April 27-28

SPRING CAMPING – May 4-5

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BELT LOOP AND PIN – May 11

CAMP NOOTEEMING / CAMP BULLOWA COUNCIL DAY – May 18

BIKE SAFETY RODEO - TBD

RENEGADES GAME AND CAMPOUT – June 29-30

More details to come!

**THE MAY PACK MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
FRIDAY, MAY 31 AT 7PM AT MYERS CORNERS E.S.**

PACK LEADERS MEETING WILL BE MAY 24

Friends of Scouting

At our March Pack Meeting we received a presentation about the annual Friends of Scouting campaign. Friends of Scouting is the annual fund-raising campaign that provides Scout families, community organizations and local businesses the opportunity to support Scouting in their communities. If you took a pledge envelope home with you, but did not yet turn it in, please bring it to the pack meeting. Extra envelopes will be available if you missed the March meeting. Thank you!

Scout Summer Camp

The Hudson Valley Council runs several summer camp programs for scouts. There are day camps (at various locations, including our very own Camp Nooteeming (Men of the Woods!)) There are also Cub/Partner Weekends, Webelos Weekends, Family Camping, and even a Twilight Camp for those who can't make it during the day. See the flyer at the end of this Cub-o-Gram, and the Hudson Valley Council website for more information and registration information. Remember – **EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT ENDS APRIL 30!**

Never been to camp...not a problem we are offering a Council Day event at Camp Bullowa and Camp Nooteeming for you and your son or daughter to get a taste of what summer programs at camp are all about. The Cub Scout Adventure Day at Camp program will be held at Camp Nooteeming and Camp Bullowa on May 18th from 8:30am to 8:30pm. The program will include BB gun and archery shooting, space derby, and a Science and Technology activity. A hot-dog lunch will be provided.

The cost for the Council Day at Camp is \$15 per scout and \$5 per adult.

Camp Card Program

Have any of you been selling your Camp Cards? The Camp Card program is designed to give every Scout an opportunity to attend summer camp by earning their own way! Camp Cards are a Boy Scout approved discount card that will allow the purchaser not only help a Scout go to camp, but will also be able to use this card for discounts.

The card can be purchased from the Scout for just \$5.00! 50% of that will stay with the Scout to help pay for summer camp for 2013. We will be selling these cards as individuals and as a unit.

Please return the money collected, as well as any unsold cards to Brian Colucci by May 14.



Pack 40 Leadership

Cubmaster	Rob Usher
Tiger Den 6 Leader	Charlotte Newman
Wolf Den 4 Leader	Kate Dusavage
Wolf Den 5 Leader	Meghann Hardesty
Bear Den 1 Leader	Patty Colucci
Bear Den 2 Leader	Tom DiFiore
Bear Den 2 Assistant Leader	Jason Olker
BearDen 2 Assistant Leader	Adam Bartlett
Bear Den 3 Leader	Ron Stolfus
Bear Den 3 Assistant Leader	John Marchesona
Flaming Arrows Patrol Leader	Jason Hilton
Flaming Arrow Asst Ptrl Leader	Michael Havas
Cobra Patrol Leader	Daniel Mochon
Cobra Asst Ptrl Leader	Noel Mochon
Shark Patrol Leader	Ken Maurer
Shark Patrol Asst Ptrl Leader	Christine Maurer

Pack 40 Committee Members

Chartered Org Rep.	Michael Gulbrandsen
Committee Chair	Brian Colucci
Assistant Committee Chair	John Reitter
Activities Chair	Pat McCarthy
Advancement Coordinator	Patty DiFiore
Pack Trainer	Daniel Mochon
Treasurer	Bob Bettini
Popcorn Kernel	Andrea O'Neill-Gregory
Pack Secretary	NEEDED
Public Relations	NEEDED

Bike Safety Rodeo

We are working with the Dutchess County Traffic Safety Board to organize a spring Bike Safety Rodeo. This is an event where kids can learn about bike safety, maintenance, and skills. When we held a Bike Rodeo a couple of years ago those present had a great time. We will need parents to help set up and run each of the stations. No expertise is required! Please let Brian Colucci know if you are interested.

Wildlife Conservation Belt Loop / Pin

The Hudson Highlands Nature Museum is holding a Wildlife Conservation Belt Loop and Pin event on May 11 from 12 – 4:30pm. This is an excellent opportunity to get some CubScout BLING. This also contains elements that will count towards the "Wildlife Conservation Award".

Scouts will hike the trails at the Outdoor Discovery Center as they learn about the wildlife of our region, including natural history, adaptations, food chains, migration, endangered species and threats to their survival. Meet some live animals from the Museum's collection! All scouts will complete the requirements for both the loop and pin. Please bring a lunch or snack and drink for afternoon break, and wear sturdy sneakers or hiking boots. Dress appropriate for the weather as much of the day will be spent outdoors on our trails.

Program includes:

- Completion of requirements necessary for loop and pin awards
- Museum fun patch for each scout
- Certificate of Requirement Completion
- Picnic Areas
- Gift Shop
- Light Refreshments available for purchase



Recruitment

As we close in on summer, now is a great time to recruit friends to join Scouting! Peer to peer recruiting is a great way to bring new boys into the pack. Please feel free to bring a friend to any upcoming pack meeting.

I-84 Coffee Break

Thanks to all those who helped at the recent I-84 Coffee Break. Together we served many travelers, including at least three Boy Scout Troops from New England states on their way to camping trips. We also collected over \$300 in donations which will help us with future activities!

Scouting for Food

Thank you to all the boys and families who helped with our annual Scouting for Food Drive on March 24. Together we collected over 300 pounds of food items which were given to the Fishkill Food Pantry, and \$109 in cash donations which was given to Sparrow's Nest, a local organization that provides meals to families with sick moms.

Here is a thank you that we received from the Fishkill Food Pantry:

Hello Pack 3040,

Thank you so much for having a food drive for us at Stop and Shop. What a wonderful project for your pack to organize.

We have helped many families get through a hard winter by keeping our shelves filled with food to give out. None of this could ever take place without A LOT of help!

Thank you again for your hard work and your wanting to show kindness to others.

The Fishkill Food Pantry

Sparrow's Nest also let us know that the money helped them to provide meals for three weeks!

Great job Pack 40!

The 12 Cub Scouting Core Values:

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| 1. Citizenship | 2. Compassion |
| 3. Cooperation | 4. Courage |
| 5. Faith | 6. Health and Fitness |
| 7. Honesty | 8. Perseverance |
| 9. Positive attitude | 10. Resourcefulness |
| 11. Respect | 12. Responsibility |

Cubmaster Challenge / SCOUTStrong

Do any of you remember what Mr. Usher challenged everyone to at the beginning of the year? He wants to see us all work on our fitness! He challenged us all to keep track of our exercise throughout the year, and to show improvement.

The BSA has partnered with the Presidential Active Lifestyle Award Challenge to develop a program designed to help our members add physical activity to our lives, as well as to help us improve our eating habits. This SCOUTStrong challenge is for Scouts and their entire families.

Get started at www.scouting.org/SCOUTStrongPALA
Scouts who complete the program can be awarded the BSA/PALA SCOUTStrong award patch!



Earth Day Clean Up

A group of scouts, leaders, and family members from pack 40 spent this past Sunday afternoon doing a bit of Earth Day community service. They cleaned up the area, planted new flowers, and spread fresh mulch around the Veteran's Memorial on the Dutchess County Rail Trail. You may remember that our pack designed and built the garden and bench at the Veteran's Memorial last summer, and has been periodically maintaining it ever since.

On an unhappy note, the beautiful log bench that we built at the site has disappeared. The boys (and adults) were very disappointed. Hopefully it will turn up.

Committee Members Needed

As we prepare to enter the summer months we are already looking ahead to how we can make Pack 40 even better for next year. An important part of that process is getting more parents involved!

Why should I join the Committee?

All Pack 40 Committee members are also BSA-registered adults with the Pack. As a registered and actively engaged adult, you can have a tremendous impact on the Pack program and have a lot of fun too! BSA regulations require "two-deep" leadership for all Scouting activities, which is at least one trained adult (preferably but not always a Pack leader) and one other adult. More trained, registered adults and leaders will give us more flexibility. As an active Committee member, you will also have a say in how the Pack is managed.

All adult registrants in the BSA are required to first complete an online course called "Youth Protection Training" which is offered by the BSA (approximately thirty minutes). You must also consent to undergo a background check by the BSA. Upon completion of those requirements, you are registered. Additional online training explaining all of the duties is available and should be taken as soon as possible.

Please talk to one of the current pack leaders if you are interested in helping us make the pack go!

Useful Links:

Pack 40: pack40wappingersfalls.scoutlander.com

(old site) pack40mc.shutterfly.com

Hudson Valley Council: www.hudsonvalleyscouting.org

BSA National Website: www.Scouting.org

Scout Parents: www.scoutparents.org

Sports and Academics Program (Belt loops and pins):
usscouts.org/advance/cubscout/asindex.asp



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SUMMER CAMPING 2013

TO CAMP AND BEYOND...

Day Camps • Cub and Partner Weekends • Webelos Outdoor Weekends
Cub Adventure Weekend • Family Campcation • Twilight Camps



NEW FOR 2013

Girls and Boys may attend Day Camp
at Camp Bullowa and Camp Nootéeming

Register By
April 30th
and Receive
a 10% Discount

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER ONLINE

