



# PACK 207 NEWSLETTER

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## Upcoming Calendar

- Jan 13** Pack Meeting- Pine wood Derby
- Jan 15** Snow Play Day
- Feb 17** Pack Meeting- Blue & Gold Dinner
- Feb 25** Harlem Globetrotters
- Mar 23** Pack Meeting

## MESSAGE FROM THE CUBMASTER

Thanks so much to all the boys and parents who participated in Scouting for Food this past weekend. The food banks are all low this year and are appreciative of everything that they get. Our dens gathered lots of food and it will go right to use in our community. Between Scouting for Food, the bowling party, and distributing wreaths, it was a busy day!

We have a lot of activities planned for the next couple of months, including Pinewood Derby, Snow Play Day, Harlem Globetrotters, and Blue & Gold Banquet. Look for more details on each of them here in the newsletter.

I wish you all the best during this holiday season and will see you again in January for our annual Pinewood Derby!

Chris Shortell



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Pinewood Derby

January 13th- 6:30pm



Our next pack meeting will be our Pinewood Derby. Car kits are being distributed tonight. For those not able to make it tonight, the den leaders will make sure you get the car kit. Starting early is strongly encouraged since it will give you more time to shape the car the way you want it.

As we did last year, we are going to try to weigh-in the cars at the den meetings instead of the night of the Pinewood Derby as much as possible (you will get more information on specifics from your den leaders). If you aren't ready for that, you can come at 6pm that night for weigh-in. We will still have two tracks up and running. The wooden track will be open for free racing. For the new metal track, we will be running heats so that each boy gets to have their car raced at least three times. Siblings, friends, and parents are wel-

come to race their own cars, but we ask that they be limited to the wooden track this year during the heats, although we will also allow some free racing time on the metal track after the heats (time permitting). More details will follow via e-mail, including design tips and rules. Finally, please note that awards will not be distributed next month to accommodate the Pinewood Derby.

### Snow Play Day

Sunday, January 15th



The final list of attendees for the Snow Play Day will be out soon. For those attending, be sure to bring a helmet and a lunch. In addition, parking is **very** limited, so plan on carpooling as much as possible. All cars require a Sno-Park permit and they are very aggressive about ticketing. Finally, no sleds. Only the inner tubes provided by the lodge can be used. We will send out a reminder e-mail with this information again closer to the actual date.

### Harlem Globetrotters

Saturday, Feb. 25th, 2pm



We still have tickets available for the Harlem Globetrotters game on Feb. 25th. Tickets are only \$18.75 (normally \$40) and the seats are good. You can sign up tonight or e-mail

Kristen West  
(kristenswest@gmail.com).

### Blue and Gold Banquet

Friday, February 17th, 6pm



Our annual celebration of Scouting's birthday will take place on February 17th this year. This is our pack meeting for February and is a pot-luck dinner for the whole pack. It will also include the special ceremony of the Webelos II boys bridging over from Cub Scouts and into Boy Scouts.

## Webelos I

Last Den meeting the Webelos Ones worked on the Craftsman Badge. They learned about tool safety, made a pinewood derby car display stand, made pvc marshmallow shooters, and braided a mystery braid bracelet. They also took part in Scouting for Food and the Pack Bowling Party. ~Nancy Glassman



## Webelos II

Snakebites and ticks and scalds, oh my! Have the Webelos II's been on a campout again, and things went very wrong? No! But we've been practicing First Aid skills as part of our "Readyman" activity badge. We learned how to help a choking person, an unconscious person, and a person with symptoms of stroke or a heart attack; we learned how to stop serious bleeding; and we learned what to do for lots of minor injuries. We had a lot of fun repairing imaginary cuts, burns, blisters, and bites on our partners. This was our last "required" activity badge for earning our Arrow of Light awards, and we are making great progress on our other requirements, as well. ~Susan McDonnell

## Den I CM / FAIS Bears

The Bears broke out their hammers and power drills to make some handsome houses for Mason bees to lay their eggs. (Mason bees are huge pollenators and don't sting unless provoked.) Yes, Bears and power tools... we are brave! The boys and their parent helpers did a great job. Special thanks to Alan Handforth for constructing 14 bee house kits for us. We also visited Portland's own Moonstruck Chocolates this month and met world renowned chocolatier Chef Julian Rose. And yes, there was tasting involved! YUM! ~Shellie Bailey-Shah

## Den I BSE Wolves

The Bonny Slope Wolves have had a fun two months! In November, we took advantage of a day off school, and toured Irwin Hodson company to learn how it uses computers. The Scouts were able to make a button, shrink wrap a sign, and learn about the different technologies used in creating signs of all types (including soccer trophies!).

At our December den meeting, we learned all about tools. The boys were able to try out a hammer, screwdriver, and a variety of saws, and then used their hammer-skills to create a tin can lantern gift. The boys also participated in Scouting for Food this month. The Scouts and parents participated in a two hour volunteer shift at the Oregon Food Bank (helping to bag 4,850 pounds of beans!). We also got a tour of the facility and gained a better understanding of how the canned food we collected goes to help other people. ~Jennifer Raber & Stefanie Ebenal



## Den I CM / FAIS Wolves

The CM/FAIS Wolves had a fun meeting in November learning about different forms of communication. We practiced spelling our names in sign language, writing secret messages, and deciphering codes. We also learned about Native American storytelling through sign language and petroglyphs. Using black paper and white crayons, the boys created their own stories based on the Native American storytelling symbols. Two days later we visited the Washington County Museum and were treated to a very informative presentation about Native American history in Washington County. The presentation included the hands-on experience of feeling animal pelts, playing a Native American children's game, and listening to a story about how Raven became the sun. Following the presentation, we browsed through the Museum's exhibit with displays of technology items and their importance to the history of our county. A highlight the boys enjoyed was checking out the old jail located just outside the museum entrance. ~Jen Cornie

## CM / FAIS Tigers

The last month has been full of firsts for the Cedar Mill/FAIS Tigers. We had a great time being part of the pack and participating in our *first* Scouting for Food event, attending our *first* Pack Bowling party and delivering wreaths for the *first* time. Along with the Bonny Slop Tiger Den, we visited the Oregon Historical Society to learn about how local Native American and pioneer families lived. We learned about how cedar Plank Houses were built so that smoke could get out but rain couldn't get in (most of the time) and about how candles were made and gunpowder was stored. Everyone had a lot of fun as even the parents enjoyed seeing the museum!

~Doug Haughton



## BSE Tigers

Thanks to the CM/FAIS den, the BSE Tigers were able to go the Oregon Historical Society and learn all about the history of the great state of Oregon and many of the early traditions, dress and structures.

The BSE Tigers bundled up for the cold weather and participated in the Scouting for food event this past weekend. They had a good time passing out the flyers and used excellent divide and conquer techniques to scour the neighborhood on Saturday and pick up the bags of food. While learning about the importance of giving and community service, they demonstrated great teamwork. We were happy to work with the BSE Bears, and even the CM/FAIS Tigers came along! Thanks! After that, we hit the lanes and enjoyed all the dens' company for some bowling, laughter and fun. ~Lindsay Beckman



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Pack 207 has a Facebook group—so stop by and join in! <https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/191820224215874/>