

Cub Scout Pack 17

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September 2005

Important Dates

09/16 Th	Pack Meeting—Ambler Farm Campfire 6:00 p.m.
09/28 We	Committee Meeting—Wilton Congregational Church 7:00
10/15 Sa	Cub Field Day @ Hoyts
10/20 Th	Pack Meeting—Driscoll School 7:00 p.m. Popcorn sales end
10/21-22 FS	Scout Day at Lime Rock
10/26 We	Committee Meeting—Wilton Congregational Church 7:00 p.m.
10/29 Sa	Halloween Fright Sequassen 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Pack 17 Leadership

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Julie Breene, Awards Chair	762-8873

First Pack Meeting—Friday, September 16

Our first Pack Meeting will be around a campfire on **Friday, September 16 at Ambler Farm**. Gathering will begin at **6:00 p.m.** with hot dogs and activities. We will have skits and songs around the campfire ending with closing ceremonies at 8:00 pm. Bring a friend who may be thinking about joining scouts! **Parents: Please stop by the Pack 17 table to sign up for this year's volunteer opportunities that interest you!**

This event is co-sponsored by Pack 17 and Pack 22 following the cub scout recruitment night at Comstock on Thursday, Sept 15, 7 – 9 p.m.

Calendar of Events

Attached please find this year's Pack 17 Calendar of Events. Keep handy so you'll know when Pack events are coming up!

Fundraising Underway!

We have lots of great programs and events in store for the scouts throughout the year. They are all made possible with the support of our annual pack fundraising campaign. Trail's End popcorn (Both Show N Sell and Take Order) will be offered for selling. Our goal is to average \$200 in popcorn sales per scout. We encourage all scouts to participate in this event for purposes of teaching good salesmanship and money responsibility. All scouts will be awarded prizes and/or a patch based on their sales totals and what they select. For more info contact Tom Clark, 761-0170.

Popcorn order forms and prize brochures will be handed out to den leaders along with Show N Sell allocations on September 17 (the pickup date). Your den leader is your key contact for all sales. All monies and info will be collected and distributed through your den leader. We wish each of you success in making this a banner year for Pack 17 fundraising!

Some key dates to remember:

- **September 17** Show N' Sell Begins (Show N 'Sell Orders available for pickup)
- **October 20** Last day to return unopened Show N' Sell cases for credit. **ALL** popcorn orders due—Popcorn Sale Ends
- **November 19** Popcorn Pickup Day

The following **Show and Sell** dates have been reserved at area shopping centers. These are very successful, fun and easy to do. Den leaders **call Tom Clark to reserve your den's time slots.**

Stop & Shop – Sept 24, 25, Oct 8, 9
Village Market – Oct 2, 16, 22, 23

Leadership Training

A trained leader who understands the Scouting program and its underlying aims and methods is essential to a successful program. Summer is a great time to recruit new leaders and you can also give them a jumpstart with on-line Fast Start Training. We also have two Cub Scout Leader Trainings scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 8 and Wednesdays, Oct. 19 & 26 at the Andrew Shaw Memorial Scout Cabin in Darien. Make sure your new leaders understand the importance of getting trained.

Lime Rock Park Campout

If your blood boils when hearing the sounds of an engine revving, if your favorite sports hero is Mario Andretti, then join us for our annual Lime Rock Sleepover and race. On October 21 & 22, Lime Rock sponsors scout and cub race day, an opportunity for a leisurely sleepover and race on Saturday. The cost is \$12 per Boy Scout/adult and \$7 per Cub Scout/& siblings under 10. The deadline for registration is October 14, 2005. Information on registration forms and a Pack 17 contact person will be forthcoming. Go to www.ctyankee.org and follow the links for more event info. For more info on the Park itself, visit www.limerock.com.

Scout Uniforms

Have a son who's done with scouting? Please donate his used uniforms back to the pack and keep the used-scouting-clothing network going!

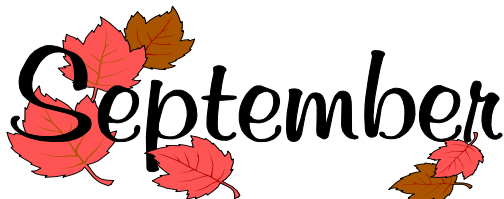
If you know of a family interested in joining scouting but are hesitant due to cost of uniforms, etc please contact Jeff, Dom, or Alan.

Check out our website for other scout clothing/supplies locations (Liberty Army Navy, Darien Sport Shop, Joy of Movement are just a few).

Note: Scouts should really be wearing their uniforms (hat, shirt, scarf, with optional belt & slacks) when attending all scouting functions. Surprise uniform inspections just may be resulting in cool prizes this year....

Fright Night at Sequassen!

The second Fright Night at Sequassen will be Saturday, October 29 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. and is open to scouts, siblings, and parents. Events include a costume parade, haunted tour, ghost stories, pumpkin painting, etc. A great opportunity for the family to try out their new scary costumes and have a freaky night! Cost: \$12 Cub/sibling, \$4 Adult. Information on registration forms and a Pack 17 contact person will be forthcoming. Go to the www.ctyankee.org and follow the links for more info.



Newsletters Via E-mail

To save our Pack money for scout activities, we will no longer be sending hard copies of the newsletter through the mail (except for this one!). Please e-mail cubpack17@yahoo.com. Please include your name, son's name, and phone number on the e-mail! **We will send around a sheet with the e-mails we have on file for your to check for accuracy at our first Pack meeting.** Thanks!

Dues Are Due!

Please use the attached Registration/Dues form to verify your family's contact information and to also send in your scout's dues for the year. Dues are \$50 per scout. Please mail your registration forms and dues to Nancy Gorkin, 38 Grumman Avenue, Wilton, CT 06897. Thank you!

Note: Scholarships are available for families who may need assistance, please call Jeff Thompson, 834-9689.

Cub Field Day Oct. 15— Hoyt Scout Reservation

Cub Scout Field Day is an annual Powahay District event held in October. In past years the emphasis had been on sports oriented competition (baseball throw, football kick, etc) with obvious winners and losers.

After an opening ceremony, welcoming remarks and group limbering up exercises, the scouts will be divided into small groups and sent on a rotating series of level specific activities. Refreshments will be provided, and (of course) there will be a beautiful event patch.

All Cub Scouts are welcome to bring their own bag lunch. After the field day activities you are welcome to stay and have lunch.

Visit <http://www.scatacook.org/HoytScoutReservation.htm> for more information on Hoyt Reservation.

More information to come!

Pack Reimbursements

If you have any out-of-pocket Pack expenses, please visit our website (www.cubpack17.com), download the Pack Reimbursement form and send this completed form, along with your receipts, to Nancy Gorkin, 38 Grumman Avenue.