

Cub Scout Pack 17

Issue 1

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September 2009

Important Dates

09/03 Thu	"Check out Scouting" Night at Comstock - 7:00 pm
09/11 Fri	Cub Scout Bonfire at Merwin Meadows - 7:00 pm
09/16 We	New Scout Parent Meeting at Comstock - 7:00 pm
09/24 Thu	Pack Meeting at the Cider Mill School Cafeteria - 7:00 pm
10/03 Sat	Scout Day at Lime Rock - 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
10/04 Sun	Committee Meeting at the Wilton Congregational Church - 7:00 pm
10/18 Sun	Pack Meeting at Ambler Farm - 3:00 pm (Halloween Theme)

Pack 17 Leadership

Fred Moran , Committee Chairperson	762-7437
Steve Batter , Cub Master	563-9306
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Aileen Masone , Training Chair	761-9964
Sandy Shifrin , Recruiting Chair	834-1585
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Pack 17 Den Leaders

Sandy Shifrin , Den 1 (Webelos I)	834-1585
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Steve Batter , Den 6 (Bear)	563-9306
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Eric English , Den 10 (Bears)	210-5508

Share The Joys Of Scouting and Earn a Recruitment Patch!

Do you have a friend who might enjoy cub scouting? Why don't you invite him to "Check out Scouting" night, the annual bonfire, or to a meeting and show him what scouting is all about? Not only will you share the joys of scouting but, if you get a friend to join our Pack, you will earn a Recruitment Patch!

"Check Out Scouting" Night - Thursday, September 3

We will be holding an ice cream social for new or interested scouts on **Thursday, September 3 at 7:00 pm in Comstock**. This event is geared toward providing information to prospective parents of new or interested scouts. Registration forms will be available. Please feel free to invite friends who may be interested in scouting! Please direct all questions to Sandy Shifrin at sjshifrin@optonline.net or 834-1585.

Pack 17 and Pack 22 Cub Scout Bonfire - Friday, September 11

All cub scouts (parents and siblings) of Pack 17 and Pack 22 are invited to attend our "opening" event of the scouting season. The annual bonfire will be held on **Friday, September 11 at Merwin Meadows**. The event will begin at **7:00 pm** and **closing ceremonies will be held at 8:00 pm**. This year we have the added pleasure of a guest entertainer who will keep us spellbound with his Native American storytelling! So bring a blanket and a picnic, or just some snacks and a drink, and enjoy an evening around the campfire! Please remember, all scouts should wear their uniforms.

New Scout Parent Meeting – Wednesday, Sept. 16

Attention parents of new Scouts! We will hold a meeting of all new scout parents to help organize your dens and start the scouting year off right. The meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 16 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm at Comstock.** You will receive valuable information at this meeting so please don't miss it!

First Pack Meeting - Thursday, September 24

Our first Pack Meeting will be held in the **Cider Mill cafeteria on Thursday, September 24 at 7:00 pm.** The Woodcock Nature Center will attend the meeting and present one of their informative programs. Please note, Den 10 is in charge of the meeting.

Leadership Training

The Boy Scouts of America and the Connecticut Youth Council strongly believe that every youth deserves a trained leader. A trained leader who understands the Scouting program and its underlying aims and methods is essential to a successful program.

The Fall brings many novice leaders to our fold and new leaders can get a jumpstart with on-line "Fast Start", "Youth Protection", and "This is Scouting" training. For more information on this very important aspect of scouting please go to the Council website at www.ctyankee.org and follow the training links.

For those who are looking for Leader Specific Training dates and locations, please consult the training calendar of the Council website above or contact Aileen Masone (Training Chair) at gdandcc@yahoo.com or 761-9964.

Fundraising Underway!

We have numerous programs and events for the scouts this upcoming year. They are all made possible with the support of our annual pack fundraising campaign. Trail's End popcorn (both Show and Sell and Take Order) will be offered for sale. **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.

Show and Sell popcorn, order forms and prize brochures, will be delivered to all den leaders, on **September 19 (the pick-up date).** Your den leader is your key contact for all sales. All monies and information 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 20** Show and Sell begins
- **September 20-October 25** Popcorn Sales
- **October 26** Take Orders due
- **October 30** Prize Orders due
- **November 14** Take Order popcorn arrives for distribution

Show & Sell venues and time slots will be assigned to all dens this year. Den leaders will receive this information as soon as it is confirmed.

Dues Are Now Due!

Dues are \$65 per scout. If your scout is new this year, dues are \$75.00 because registrations run from December to December. The additional \$10.00 covers Council's fee for September to December. You can download the renewal and new scout registration forms at <http://www.cubpack17.com/Forms.html>. Please remit completed forms and fees (made payable to "Pack 17") to Viv Stewart, 175 Wolfpit Road, Wilton, CT 06897. Thank you!

Note: Scholarships are available for families who may need assistance, please call Michelle Fang, 210-5516.

Scout Day at Lime Rock Park – Friday, October 3 thru Saturday, October 4 (Overnight Optional)

Scout day at Lime Rock offers an easy family campout and/or the excitement of a day at the races. Friday night (October 3) you can drive up to the campsite and live out of the trunk of your car. Saturday (October 4) you may prepare your own meals or enjoy fast food at the track concessions. An all day program (9 am to 5 pm) of amateur racing by some of the top rated drivers will provide plenty of action to entertain scouts of all ages. The fee for this event is **\$14/per adult and \$10/per Cub Scout or siblings under 10 years of age.** The fee includes an event patch, Friday night camping, Friday night adult leader social (crackerbarrel), Saturday races and a full day spent at beautiful Lime Rock Park.

We will be registering as a pack for this event. If you are interested in attending, please download and complete the attached registration form and remit the form and fee (made payable to "Pack 17") to Michelle Fang, 90 Pheasant Run Road, Wilton, CT. **All registration forms and fees must be received no later than September 22.**

October Pack Meeting - Sunday, October 18

Our second Pack Meeting of the year will be held on **Sunday, October 18 at Ambler Farm at 3:00 pm.** Come join the Pack in celebrating Halloween by carving a pumpkin and enjoying an old fashioned hay ride! This will be a fun-filled event so we hope to see you all at Ambler Farm! Please note, Den 6 will be in charge of this meeting.

Scout Day on the Intrepid, NYC – Saturday, November 21

Have you ever wanted to climb aboard aviation history and behold an authentically restored aircraft? Then come join us in visiting the newly restored Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum, in New York City on **Saturday, November 21 from 10 am to 3 pm** for Scout Day! You will discover never-before-seen areas of the ship, explore a variety of hands-on-activities in the new interactive hall, investigate a "top-secret" submarine, and see and do much more.

The cost is \$19.50/per scout and \$24.50/per adult. The fee includes admission, reserved seating, a boxed lunch (sandwich, chips and drink) and an event patch. All family members are welcome to attend. If you would like more information on this unique experience, go to: www.intrepidmuseum.org and follow the "group" links.

If interested in reserving your space(s), please contact Michelle Fang at mbfang@yahoo.com or 210-5516. **All fees (made payable to "Pack 17") must be remitted to Michelle Fang, 90 Pheasant Run Road, Wilton, CT no later than November 7.**

Don't Forget to Check out Pack 17's Newly Updated Website!

Have you seen Pack 17's website lately? Why don't you take a look at www.cubpack17.com and mark it as a "favorite"? You will see the 2009-2010 calendar, news, forms, newsletters, and other helpful information. Go take a look....you won't be disappointed!

Scout Uniforms

Do you have a son who is done with scouting? Please donate his used uniform back to the pack and keep the used-scouting-clothing network going!

If you know of a family interested in joining scouting but is hesitant due to cost of uniforms, etc. please contact Michelle Fang (210-5516)

Check out our website for other scout clothing/supplies locations (Liberty Army Navy, Darien Sport Shop, and 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.

Pack Reimbursements

If you have any out-of-pocket Pack expenses, please visit our website (www.cubpack17.com) and download the Pack Reimbursement form. Once complete, include your receipts and send to Surbi Madhavani, 39 Wilton Crest, Wilton, CT, 06897.

