

Cub Scout Pack 17

Issue 1

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Important Dates

- 10/10 Sat** Leadership Training at Darien Scout Cabin (140 West Avenue, Darien) – 9:00 am to Noon
- 10/18 Sun** Pack Meeting at Ambler Farm - 4:30 pm (**please note time change!**)
- 11/04 Sun** Committee Meeting at the Wilton Congregational Church– 7:00 pm
- 11/11 Wed** Pack Meeting at Cider Mill Cafeteria – 7:00 pm (**please note date change!**)
- 11/14 Sun** Service Day at Gregg Preserve (off Mayapple Drive, Wilton) – 9:00 am to Noon
- 11/21 Sat** Scout Day on the Intrepid – 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
- 11/27 Fri** Sound Tigers Scout Day – 7:00 pm at the Arena at Harbor Yard, Bridgeport

Pack 17 Leadership

Fred Moran , Committee Chairperson	762-7437
Steve Batter , Cub Master	563-9306
Michelle Fang , Cub Master	210-5516
Mary-Ann Ziluca , Newsletter	834-2898
Bhargesh Angreji , Webmaster	210-5492
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Peter Kobsa , Awards/Advancement Chair	834-7906
Bert Pykosz , Quartermaster	834-1427
Aileen Masone , Training Chair	761-9964
Sandy Shifrin , Recruiting Chair	834-1585
Viv Stewart , Chartered Organization Representative	761-9145

Pack 17 Den Leaders

Sandy Shifrin , Den 1 (Webelos I)	834-1585
Aileen Masone , Den 3 (Wolf)	761-9964
Fred Moran , Den 5 (Wolf)	762-7437
Steve Batter , Den 6 (Bear)	563-9306
Dawn Cole , Den 8 (Webelos II)	761-9640
Steve Kalin , Den 9 (Webelos I)	761-0232
Eric English , Den 10 (Bears)	210-5508
Jason Witty , Den 7 (Tiger)	762-0644
Joe Petit , Den 2 (Tiger)	563-9910
Peter Greenberg , Den 4 (Tiger)	834-9930
Will Klancko , Den 11 (Tiger)	834-7641
Eric & Kimberly Cameron , Den 12 (Tiger)	762-8606

Pack 17 Welcomes New Tigers!

We must extend a very warm welcome to the new Tigers in our Pack! This year we have over 30 new Tigers (a record number) adding five new dens!

A very special thank you goes to **Jason Witty, Joe Petit, Peter Greenberg, Will Klancko and Eric and Kimberly Cameron** who have accepted the challenging and important role of Den Leaders for our new Tigers! We wish all our new scouts (and their leaders) a very fun and productive start to scouting.



Leadership Training - Saturday, October 10

There will be a **Leadership training** session this **Saturday, October 10 at 9:00 am to noon** at the Darien Scout Cabin, 140 West Avenue, Darien. If you are interested in attending please contact Aileen Masone (Training Chair) at [gdandcc@yahoo.com](mailto:gandcc@yahoo.com) or 761-9964.

Don't forget about the training you can receive on-line (i.e. "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, or contact Aileen Masone.

Dues Must be Paid by October 18!

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 no later than October 18. Thank you!

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

October Pack Meeting - Sunday, October 18

Our second Pack Meeting of the year will be held on **Sunday, October 18 at Ambler Farm at 4:30 pm (please note time change!)**. Come join the Pack in celebrating Halloween by enjoying a hay ride, meeting some animals, and learning all about BATS! Each Scout will even build a bat house! A \$5 donation to Ambler Farm will be collected for craft supplies. 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.

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. We wish each of you success in making this a banner year for Pack 17 fundraising!

Some key dates to remember:

- **October 25** Take Orders and Prize Orders due
- **November 14** Take Order popcorn arrives for distribution



Pack Meeting - Wednesday, November 11 (Please Note Date Change!)

Our third Pack Meeting of the year will be held on **Wednesday, November 11 at the Cider Mill cafeteria at 7:00 pm**. Come join the Pack in learning "How Things Work"! We will also be holding the Bobcat ceremonies for the new scouts. Please note, Dens 3 and 5 will be in charge of this meeting.

New Scouts Should Complete the Bobcat Requirements by November 11

Bobcat Ceremonies will be held at the November Pack meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 11 at the Cider Mill cafeteria. New scouts should be working toward completing their Bobcat requirements in time for the November pack meeting. Any questions with regard to completing these requirements (that cannot be answered in the Cub Scout Handbook) should be directed to the Scout's Den Leader. Good luck, Scouts!

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!

Work Day with the Wilton Land Trust at Gregg Preserve – Saturday, November 14

On **Saturday, November 14**, Pack 17 will be helping our community and the environment with a Work Day at Gregg Preserve, off Mayapple Drive in the Cannondale section of town. The Wilton Land Conservation Trust embraces the crucial mission of preserving open spaces and wilderness that make Wilton the special place it is. The Gregg Preserve is the largest parcel (along with adjoining Belknap Preserve) maintained by the Trust, and can use the helpful and busy hands of the scouts.

The focus of this year's Fall Work Day will be clearing trails of brush, picking up trash, repairing trail markings throughout the Preserve, and improving signage along the perimeter of the Preserve. **The work begins at 9 am and will continue until Noon – anyone interested in helping is welcome for whatever portion of time they can commit.** Scouts and their parents will find plenty of parking on the Mayapple cul-de-sac which is where we will assemble.

Water will be provided (hot chocolate, if the weather is cold!) Please **dress in layered old clothing, a hat, and work gloves**. Also, please **bring tools (clippers, rakes, hammers, etc.)** The work day will be postponed in the event of inclement weather.

This service event qualifies as one of the requirements for the "Outdoor Activity Award". It also qualifies as a service project for badge requirements for the Citizenship Belt Loop.

If you have questions, please contact Bryan Williams at 563-0053.

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, 06897 no later than November 5.**

Pack Reimbursements

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

Scout Night at the Bridgeport Sound Tigers – Friday, November 27

The Bridgeport Sound Tigers invite you to join them for Scout Night on **Friday, November 27 at 7:00 pm at the Arena at Harbor Yard in Bridgeport!** Not only will you be able to watch an exciting hockey game, but each scout will get a free Sound Tigers Scout Night patch, the opportunity to skate on the ice before the game, and to earn the Skating Merit Badge or belt loop!

The cost is \$15 per person. This is a very popular event and fills up fast. If you have any questions you may contact Stephen Batter at 563-9306 or sbatter@hotmail.com. If you would like to attend this event, please remit a check made payable to “Pack 17” to Stephen Batter, 6 Cedar Road, Wilton, CT, 06897 **no later than November 7.**

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.