

Cub Scout Pack 17

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December 2009

Important Dates

- 12/16 Wed** Pack Meeting at Cider Mill Cafeteria – 7:00 pm
- 01/03 Sun** Committee Meeting at Wilton Congregational Church – 7:00 pm
- 01/21 Wed** Pack Meeting at Cider Mill Cafeteria – 7:00 pm
- 01/29-31** Mt. Snow Scout Ski and Board Weekend (Sponsored by Troop 36 of Westport)
- 02/06 Sat** Cub Scout Polar Bear (Powahay District) – 11:30 am to 3:30 pm at Hoyt Scout Reservation, Redding CT

Great Turnout at Scout Day on the Intrepid and Scout Night at the Bridgeport Sound Tigers!

The month of November was full of fun-filled scouting activities. The town of Wilton was fully represented (and outnumbered all other visiting towns) when 166 scouts and parents of Pack 17 and 22 attended Scout Day on the Intrepid on November 21. In addition, fifty two (52) scouts, parents and siblings of Pack 17 attended and cheered for the local team at Scout Night at the Sound Tigers in Bridgeport the night after Thanksgiving.

Pack Service Project at Gregg Preserve was a Major Success!

One hundred twenty (120) scouts and parents from Pack 17 and 22 joined together to help our community and the environment with a Work Day at Gregg Preserve. Workers assisted in clearing trails, picking up trash, repairing trail markings and improving signage throughout the preserve. Thank you to all who participated! The town of Wilton is a much cleaner and prettier place because of you!

A big thank you to Bryan Williams who organized this important work day!



Pack Meeting - Wednesday, December 16

Our fourth Pack Meeting of the year will be held on **Wednesday, December 16 at the Cider Mill cafeteria at 7:00 pm**. Come join the Pack in Service Project Presentations and Skits! Please note, Den 1 (Shifrin) will be in charge of this meeting.

“Cool” Den Happenings

All the dens of Pack 17 have been working hard on their achievements and badges and having a blast while doing so!

Tigers in Den 2 hiked in Quarry Head in Wilton as part of the “let’s go outdoors” achievement and picked up trash along the way for their December Service Project.

Tigers in Den 12 were very busy over the last few months. They worked on their Bobcat Badge by making pins and posters to help them along the Bobcat Trail. In preparation for a hike they learned about fire building safety, making “fire starters” out of egg cartons, lint & newspaper, and even building wheelbarrows that they could fill with nature specimens along the trail! Their hard work paid off when they visited Putnam State Park in Redding, where the boys put their learning into practice making a proper fire, roasting hot dogs and marshmallows and putting out the fire safely! The boys went on a hike touring revolutionary war ruins, visiting the on-site museum and looking inside a mock soldier’s cabin!

Bears in Den 10 hiked in the Town Forest.

Webelos 1 (Den 1) were busy working on their geology and citizenship badges. While adults were voting, the boys in Den 1 earned their geology badge by spending their day off from school at Natures Art! The day was filled with hiking, mining for rocks and “gold”, and learning about geology. They were even able to bring home the bounty they found to show their family and friends!

While working towards their Citizenship badge, the Webelos I (Den 1) wrote letters to Senator Toni Boucher and Governor Jodi Rell and asked if they could meet to discuss what they did to serve the community. Within two weeks the boys received invitations to meet with both politicians! The boys met with State Senator Toni Boucher at the Cider Mill School on Nov. 13 and had a private audience with Gov. Rell at the Cider Mill School library on Nov. 18! The local papers wrote an article and published a picture of both these meetings last week!

Webelos II (Den 8) kept the spirit of Thanksgiving alive by running a food drive and attending the annual “Trash Can Turkey Campout” at Pound Ridge, NY run by Wilton’s very own Boy Scout Troop 20.



Pack Meeting -Wednesday, January 21

The **January Pack Meeting** will be held at **7:00 pm** at the **Cider Mill Cafeteria on Wednesday, January 21**. At the meeting we will learn how to hone our first aid and scouting skills! Please note, Den 9 (Steve Kalin) will be in charge of the meeting.

Mt. Snow Scout Ski & Board Weekend - January 29, 30, and 31, 2009

Winter is just around the corner and if you and your scout enjoy skiing or snow boarding (or would like to learn) this trip is for you! For many years, Troop 36 of Westport has been hosting a ski trip to Mt. Snow at a substantial savings. This very popular outing is scheduled for the weekend of January 29 and spots fill up fast.

If you would like further information on this weekend getaway, please read the attached information. If you have any questions, please contact Dom Rauccio (762-8969) who will be coordinating this event for Pack 17.

If you decide to attend, please complete all forms and remit payment asap to Dom Rauccio, 50 Little Fox Lane, Wilton, CT 06897. We will be attending this event as a pack, therefore, **all checks must be made payable to “Pack 17”** (not to Jack Berry as stated in the forms!)

Skate Night With Pack 17 and Pack 22

Plans are in motion to schedule an ice skating night in January with Pack 17 and Pack 22. Please look out for future e-mails on the date, time and location of this "icy" event when all is confirmed!

Cub Scout Polar Bear Day, February 6, 2010

Please mark your calendars for the Cub Scout Polar Bear Day, scheduled for **Saturday, February 6, at Hoyt Reservation, 3 Marchant Road, Redding, CT.** See if you have what it takes to survive the "Battle of the Ice Planet Hoyt"! This fun-filled day starts at 11:30 and ends at approximately 3:30 pm. The fee is \$7.00 per person and includes an event patch, program supplies and facility use. Please remember to wear proper winter gear! We must register as a pack for this event so if you are interested in attending please remit your checks (made payable to "Pack 17") to Steve Batter **NO LATER THAN January 20, 2010.**

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
Surbhi Madhavani , Treasurer	834-0333
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
Michelle Fang , Den 4 (Tiger)	210-5516
Will Klancko , Den 11 (Tiger)	834-7641
Eric & Kimberly Cameron , Den 12 (Tiger)	762-8606