



# Cub Scout Pack 197

Westerville, Ohio

## Newsletter

September, 2010



### A Word from the Cubmaster...

I am very excited about the busy scouting year we have ahead. The 100th year of scouting is drawing to a close and we are entering the second century of scouting. It's a great, and historic, time to be a Cub Scout!

It amazes me how adaptive the Scouting movement is today. Scouting has evolved to the needs of a new generation while still incorporating its great traditions. A Cub Scout today can earn a belt loop for playing video games but can still learn classic scouting skills. There truly is something for everyone.

I would like to welcome all of our new scouting families. We need volunteers to make our Pack run well. If you are new, please speak to any of our leaders about volunteer opportunities. No matter what you do, we need your skills. Scouting experience is not necessary to provide your son with skills and good character traits that will last a lifetime.

Make sure to participate in a Council or District activity this year. Boys who attend events from the Fall Apple Butter Festival to the Spring Maple Syrup Festival will have opportunities for all sorts of exciting activities. Keep an eye on the Pack calendar or speak to Brian Prince about outings.

Scouting has grown by leaps and bounds since it was founded. Lord Baden Powell, a popular British military hero of the Boer War, founded scouting in England. Scouting began in the United States shortly thereafter in 1910. It is estimated that worldwide scouting of all levels reached 28 million members in 160 countries in 2010. According to the 2000 United States Census, there are approximately 2.1 million active Cub Scouts. It is also estimated that 104 million boys have been involved in scouting in the USA since 1910. We hope that you and your son will be proud contributors to this great tradition in the coming year.

Yours in Scouting,

Jonathan Fulkerson

### Who's Who in Pack Leadership

Cubmaster.....	Jon Fulkerson
Assistant Cubmaster.....	Dave Henshaw
Committee Chair.....	Becki Seum
Charter Representative.....	Dave Dubose
Advancement.....	Hilda Plzak
Membership.....	Megan Mooney
Outings.....	Brian Prince
Popcorn Kernel.....	Cortney Reed
Secretary.....	Tammy Rich
Service Projects.....	Nancy Bowers
Training.....	Brian Strickler
Treasurer.....	George McLean
Webmaster.....	Gary Davis

### Den Leaders

Tiger Den.....	TBD
Wolf Den 1.....	Dustin O'Neil
Assistant.....	Steve Briner
Wolf Den 2.....	Kim Fulkerson
Assistant.....	TBD
Bear Den.....	Beth Mulick
Assistant.....	Nancy Bowers
Webelos I Den.....	Jim Baker
Assistant.....	Rob Seum
Webelos II Den 1.....	Gary Conkel
Assistant.....	Brian Farley
Webelos II Den 2.....	Megan Mooney
Assistant.....	John Kohler

### Service Projects!

Last year, our Pack completed over 196 hours of service work and we met our goal of 90% participation.

We have already kicked off our 2010/2011 Scout year by participating in the Annual Hoover Reservoir Litter Cleanup on August 28<sup>th</sup>. We will have at least one Service Project a month during the year. Coming up for October is "Scouting for Food" and November will be "Operation Christmas Child." Watch for more information!

If you have any suggestions for additional Service Projects, please see Nancy Bowers.

## Pack Outings! Mark Your Calendars!

### Friday, October 15 (to Saturday, October 16)

Camp Lazarus Halloween Event  
Fun activities and camping (optional)

### January 30, 2011

Pack Bowling Event! Details coming soon!

### February, 2011 – date TBD

OSU Hockey Scout Night  
Come enjoy the game and camp-in (optional)

### March 19-20, 2011 (Tentative)

Cold Toes  
Pack organized activity and camp-in

### May, 2011 - date TBD

Clippers Scout Night

We'll keep you posted on other fun activities the Pack plans!



**Make a Hide Rack, bring it to any 2010-2011 Pack Meeting and win a prize!!**

## Activity of the Month

### Make a 'Hide Rack' Display

From the February 2000 issue of *Boys' Life* magazine

If you're like a lot of Scouts, you've collected plenty of patches over the years. Unfortunately, many get tossed into plastic bags or shoeboxes where only dust mites see them.

Don't let that happen to yours. Use a hide rack patch display. Based on Native American "hide racks" that cured fur pelts, this display lets you show off your souvenirs and practice knots and hitches.

#### YOU'LL NEED:

- Two one-inch-diameter dowels, 42 inches long
- Two one-inch-diameter dowels, 29 inches long
- 1/8-inch cotton cord
- 1/8-inch bit and drill
- Wood screws and screwdriver
- Piece of brown or tan synthetic suede leather, 24 in. wide by 36 in. long
- 24 in. of self-adhesive Velcro fastening tape, 1/2 in. wide
- Scissors

**Step 1:** To build the frame, position the dowels (use real branches for a more rustic look) in a rectangle. The shorter dowels should lay vertically on top of the longer dowels. Leave an overlap of about two inches on the corners.

**Step 2:** Drill a 1/8-inch pilot hole about 1 1/2 inches deep at each corner. Be sure not to drill completely through the horizontal dowels. Secure each corner with a screw and turn the frame over.

**Step 3:** With the cotton cord, tie a square lashing on each of the four corners.

**Step 4:** Give the entire frame, including lashings, a coat of brown wood stain. You might also want to apply a light coat of satin varnish or a polyurethane finish to the frame. Allow the frame to dry.

**Step 5:** Trim the hide about two inches smaller than the frame. Save the leftover scraps.

**Step 6:** Cut a row of 1/4-inch-long slits along the edges of the hide, spacing the slits about one inch apart and 1/2 inch from the edge.

**Step 7:** From the leftover scrap, cut 1/4-inch-wide strips, as long as possible. Join the strips together using square knots until you have two laces 20 feet long each.

**Step 8:** Lay the frame faceup on a large flat surface (The screws should not be showing.) Using a clove hitch, tie the laces to the frame in two opposite corners.

**Step 9:** Position the hide in the center of the frame and begin looping the laces through the slits—under the hide and over the dowel. Keep an even tension by working in opposite directions. End with a final clove hitch.

**Step 10:** Cut the Velcro into 1/2-inch-square pieces. Before attaching the squares to the patches, arrange your patches on the rack, which is screwside down.

**Step 11:** To mount the Velcro, peel off the plastic strip covering the hook side of a Velcro pad and stick it to the patch. Then peel off the strip covering the fuzzy side and stick it to the hide. (Keeping the hook and fuzzy sides consistent will make it easier to rearrange your patches later.)

**Step 12:** Tie leather strips to the upper corners of the frame to form hanging loops. Attach the rack to your wall. Besides patches, you can also display hat pins, historic trail medals, ribbons or other mementos. What better way to show off the things you're proud of!

