

Pack 174 Newsletter

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A Call for Volunteers

Anyone who is interested in becoming part of the leadership team is encouraged to talk with your Den Leaders or any of the Committee members. We have several open positions and would love to see as many parents as we can at our monthly leadership meetings to help plan a fun filled year for our scouts. There are many benefits to being a leader and even more rewards. Come check it out and be part of the fun!



CRAZY Fun at the Caverns!



Cub Scout Summer Campout at the Caverns was a truly amazing event. From the Junior Ranger badge to push ups at the picnic, from a perfect bat flight to crossover tears, this years event was one for the books. Big thanks go out to the Campout Committee for organizing such a great event. A big congratulations goes out to all of our scouts for being so well behaved at the bat flight and throughout the VERY LONG day. Our crossup ceremony this year was a bit different, with it being in the morning rather than the evening, but still very emotional for scouts and parents alike. Good job boys on your crossup! Here's to a fantastic 2015 – 2016 Scouting year!

Upcoming Events

Day Camp: Scheduled for June 16 – 19 at Cibola High School from 9am – 3pm. Be sure to wear sunscreen!

Ice Caves Hike & Picnic: Scheduled for June 28th. We will begin at 9am with an interfaith ceremony followed by a hike to the Ice Cave followed by a group picnic. Cave entrance cost and food will be the responsibility of each family.

Raingutter Regatta: Scheduled for July 11th at Paradise Hills Park (time TBA). Please let Kathy know if you and your scout(s) will be attending. We will be purchasing boats only for those boys that will "compete".

Great Day of Planning: Scheduled for July 19th from 2 – 6pm at All Saints Lutheran Church. Potluck dinner to follow. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Scout Night at the Isotopes: Scheduled for July 25th. This year's event will NOT be a sleepover, but it will be our Popcorn Sales Kickoff event! Tickets will be \$12.00 thru BSA. Kathy F. will be collecting money sometime in June. More details to follow soon.

Stone Age Gym: Scheduled for August 2nd. Cost for this event is still to be determined but will be the responsibility of each family. Two hours climbing time plus equipment rentals and instruction. Come take a "climb" on the wild side!

Explore Lifeguard 1: Scheduled for August 22nd. Our Scouts will get a first hand look at UNM's lifesaving helicopter. Details to follow soon!

Fundraising.....

A Necessary "Evil"

Popcorn Sale season will be upon us before you know it, and it's never too early to start thinking and strategizing! Fundraising is an ever important aspect of our scouting program. Only a portion of our annual dues and Day Camp costs goes into our budget. So, it is up to us to make up the difference. A good fundraising strategy is key in order for our Pack to do ALL that we do. Events like Campout, Pinewood Derby, Raingutter Regatta, Cake Bake, Blue & Gold, Cub Olympics and Chariots Races as well as all of the boys' advancements are dependent on what we have in the bank! Juan Diego is developing an on going fundraiser for our Pack that is easy and lucrative; RECYCLING! More details will follow soon. If anyone else has any ideas for fundraising please let your leaders know. Every bit helps!



June 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 Day Camp 9am-3pm Cibola High School	17 Day Camp 9am-3pm Cibola High School	18 Day Camp 9am-3pm Cibola High School	19 Day Camp 9am-3pm Cibola High School	20
21 Father's Day	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Ice Caves Hike & Picnic	29	30				

Food for Backpacks Drive

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to our Food For Backpacks Drive. We were able to provide enough food for our families in need to last until the end of the school year. We have been informed that All Saints Lutheran Church is the sole contributor to this program. Knowing this, we hope to contribute to this cause on an annual of bi-annual basis. Angel, the school Counselor has said that donations made in September and April will nicely offset the donation dates from the church and ensure year round food for our SVES community in need. With the consent of the PTA, we hope to make this our annual project to benefit our chartering organization. In doing so, we are eligible for the annual Journey to Excellence Award from the Great Southwest Council. Thanks again for your support!

Bizzare Foods Challenge Conquered!

A BIG shoutout to all who participated in the the Bizzare Foods Challenge! Eight Teams participated in this year challenge taking on such foods as cocnut gel, rambutan fruit, fried fish balls, sardines in tomato sauce, spam cupcakes and squid tentacles just to name a few. First place for eating/trying the most foods went to Jeff and Ian Skinner. Second place went to Valerie and Austin Kinsey and Third place went to Tristan Thompson and Sean Skinner. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd palce teams were all rewarded with delicious scorpion lollipops! Kudos to you all for being Food Rangers!



Next Month at a Glance

July 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Roundtable 7pm All Saints	10	11 Raingutter Regatta & Aqua Day Paradise Hills Park
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Great Day or Planning 2-6 pm All Saints	20	21	22	23	24	25 Scout Night at the Isotopes
26	27	28	29	30	31	



Thank you to our
Cubmaster, Assistant
Cubmaster, Leaders,
Commitee members
and parents for all you
do to guide, entertain
and teach our scouts!

Thanks to everyone for their
compassion & generosity!