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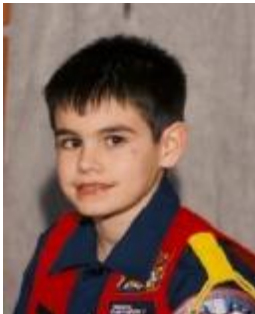
*Wanted: Pack Trainer
and Pack Historian*

Upcoming Dates: Leader meeting on October 9th at 7pm. Next Pack meeting is October 16th, hayride.

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Conservation Day!

Water, mud, trash, and even more Mud OH MY!! On June 21st to the thanks of many local webbed and multi leg residents Pack/Troop 262 took part in a lake and park clean up project. The boys endured water, mud, and trash (the boys really hated getting muddy....NOT) to help clean up a wild life area for the Parks and Recreation of Independence. Located behind Bass Pro the Falls Lake and Park was in great need of a good clean up after years of construction and careless trash disposal. After a few hours of work and walking thru even more mud the boys collected 22 bags of trash and a pick-up truck full of discarded lumber. After clean up via water hose the boys enjoyed a most outstanding snack of Dutch Oven cobbler provided by members of the Troop who came to help with the project plus complete their cooking requirements of their Tenderfoot Badge. The next morning the Lake was alive with geese, ducks, and a crazy turkey loudly expressing their thanks to the boys for their hard work. I would also like to thank all of the Adult Leaders hat helped out and willingly took home some dirty Scouts without saying a word.



Scout of the Month

2nd Year Webelos Scout in the Cobra Patrol (Den 5), took the Scout oath to heart this summer. He could be called the "door man". Everywhere he goes he opens doors for people. He always adds a smile to his efforts. In this day and age that extra bit of kindness really goes a long way. He exemplifies "courtesy" and "kindness" and is quit a remarkable young man. Keep up the good work!

Remember, if your Scout does something extraordinary, let your Leader know. Scout of the Month is voted on at our monthly Leader Meetings. We need to hear from all parents.

Food Drive Bass Pro

262 in conjunction with 264 took part in doing a good deed over a weekend in August. As part of the Share the Harvest Food Drive, sponsored by Bass Pro in Independence, Scouts both young and old participated in collecting dry and canned goods for their sponsored food pantries. Scouts manned the tables, talked to folks about scouting, all the while logging in some community service time. When the dust settled Pack 262 collected a total of 228 canned/dry goods for Greenwood Families Helping Families. I would like to personally thank all the Scouts and Parents that came up to the site and made this happen.
Jon Ledford Assistant Cub Master 262

Fishing Derby

It was a most outstanding day of fishing for Pack 262. With 29 boys in attendance we had lines, hooks, bobbers, worms, and hotdogs flying everywhere. The fish did not stand a chance. Fishing at its finest is the only way that I can describe it. We had boys catching Bluegill, Catfish, Hybrid Bluegill, and even had a clam make a showing as well. This fishing was so good that we even had to come up with a new title for a non-scout, the King Fisherman. Top Dogs of the day were Jacob of Den 6 with a 24 ¼" "Channel Cat" and Kingfisher Fisher Parker (who is 4 and a future Tiger) with an outstanding showing of a 24" Channel Catfish and a 22" Channel Cat. Eric Den 5 put in an honorable mention with a 17" catfish and the clam. There were several 14 and 15 inch fish caught plus some of the biggest bluegill that I have ever seen. We even had one of our moms make a showing (Denice H. with roughly a 14" catfish that got wrapped around the weeds and because of the "help" that Igor tried to provide getting it unwrapped broke the line at the time of landing. All in all a great day, the weather shaped up, we GREATLY increased the dental bill of the fish of that lake, and the Boys obeyed the 1st two rules of scouting. 1st have fun and 2nd NO BLEEDING....This Assistant Cub Master was extremely happy with the boys on that.

Bear Camp

Lions, Tigers and definitely look out for the Bears at Camp Naish. 11 Bear Scouts, 11 Akelas, and one brave Den Chief took on the challenge of Camp Naish on the June 29/30 overnight. The Boys learned the following skills: Archery, BB guns, hiking, water cannon shooting, trail mix making, how to drink water, obstacle course running, how to shoot the den chief with all 5 water cannons, camp singing, how to drink even more water, camp skits "I'm a light bulb" courtesy of Den Chief Travis, how to act like a dead fish, tepee building, more water drinking, tool box building, and yes time to drink even more water, and just to make sure that they did not slow down 2 Belt loops for good measure. The boys enjoyed meals of "what is that" and "I think I saw it move" and "is it supposed to smell like that". We even had a couple of well motivated scouts making sure the Leaders knew how to practice our basic first aid after an encounter of soft rocks on the upper and lower trail. After enjoying the day of games, hikes, and just all around fun it was awfully quiet in the camp besides the snoring, come the 10:00 lights out. In all seriousness it was one of the best overnights this "special" den leader has been on. From the reports of the Akelas and the snoring from the back seats of the many vehicles, the boys had fun as well!



Spy Cubs Day Camp 2008

Pack 262 had a total of 26 spies attend the 2008 Day Camp at James A Reed this summer. What an exciting week it was! The boys all enjoyed archery, bb guns, tomahawks and sling shots. We had several bull's eyes in the bb guns. There were 25 different activities throughout the week. New skills were learned and old ones were practiced. It's amazing how much can be taught under the cover of "fun"! Along with the 26 Scouts, there were 26 parent volunteers and 2 Boy Scouts that joined us during the week. Thank you everyone who helped make this year's Day Camp a

success!

Fundraiser

Greenery Fundraiser begins **September 19th**. Contact Laura at 769-2322 with questions or if you can help. Laura will need help when the greenery is delivered to the church (usually the Monday before Thanksgiving). Awards will be given to top selling Scouts. This is an easy way to earn money towards Scout Camps for next summer.

May Family Campout and Tiger Cub Graduation

What do tents, rockets, badminton, campfires, tigers, awards, and flying playground balls have in common? Not much really unless you were one of the lucky ones to attend the May 17, 2008 Pack 262 Family Campout.

23 scouts and their families attended the event. The day started slowly with families gathering in the field behind Aldersgate United Methodist Church to pitch tents. Scouts and their families had a leisurely afternoon enjoying the great outdoors as they played games such as badminton and frisbee.

Then things began to heat up as rocket engines ignited and rockets carefully built by scouts and adults were hurled high into the sky. The record distance for a rocket landing this year was the off ramp to 150 highway from 291S. While the campfire was being prepared, everyone took a break in the church gym and listened to a presentation by the RED team on opportunities for scouts to receive Religious Emblems of Faith. After dinner, the moment that the Tigers had been waiting for arrived. The scouts in each den received awards and recognition but there was a very special ceremony for the Tigers. They received their Tiger rank, were graduated to begin on the Wolf trail, and received their new neckerchiefs and slides. To top off the evening before everyone called it a night and snuggled into their sleeping bags, the trebuchet used at the Eggstravaganza in April was loaded up with playground balls. When released, the balls flew through the air to the eager hands of waiting scouts. Although the scouts had a great time, the biggest smiles were on the faces of dads that got to help with the trebuchet.



Webelos Camp 2008

Webelos Camp in 2008 was a memorable experience for all of our boys (and adults too). Fourteen first and second year Webelos from Pack 262, together with 10 adults, joined hundreds of scouts and adults from other packs at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation for Webelos Resident Camp July 17-19. The weather was great and the boys had an awesome time enjoying the many activities the camp had to offer.

Highlights of the first year program included operating power tools to make pinewood derby car stands, getting extra time at the pool to row boats, learning about wildlife in the nature lodge, shooting BB guns, and playing mountain ball in the North Meadow. Second year scouts enjoyed climbing the boulder wall, building fires, working on geology, learning about the stars, taking a forestry hike, and fighting zombies in the action archery area.

All the boys and adults in the pack then got to share the fun of being together in the pool each day to cool off and just have fun. The water really felt great after hiking around camp each day. Congratulations to all the boys for doing their best during the swimming test. Many were able to pass the BSA Swimmer test and went home with blue swimmer bands on their arms. On the last day, Charles Dustin made a big splash in the belly flop contest. Chuck didn't win but he made a great effort and got a lot of applause.

Of course, the pack stayed together at meal time too. We dined on spaghetti, chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, salad bars, deli sandwiches, pancakes, and many other delicious foods. A special thanks goes to each of our scouts that served on KP duty. They each made sure that we had what we needed at mealtime and did a great job cleaning up afterwards.

On the last day, family members were welcomed into camp for dinner and a campfire performance. The skits and songs were hilarious and everyone enjoyed themselves. As we said farewell at the end of the day, 1st Year scouts could think ahead to the next Webelos Camp and 2nd Year scouts could only imagine the excitement waiting for them at Bartle with the Boy Scouts. Whatever the future holds, Webelos Camp 2008 will never be forgotten.



Webelos Scouts Overnight Campout

This past summer, 1st and 2nd Year Webelos Scouts from Den 2 and the Cobra Patrol (Den 5) joined forces and went camping at Ha Ha Tonka State Park near Camdenton, Missouri. Together with family members, left the familiar Kansas City metropolitan area to have some fun in southern Missouri. The weekend of June 7 – 8 was filled with lots of adventure as they hiked to a castle, explored geologic features, fished at the Lake of the Ozarks, watched thousands of bats leave their cave at night to go hunting, and discovered the natural wonders of the Ozark Caverns.



Remember: Leader Meeting October 9th at Aldersgate, 7pm. All parents and Akelas welcome. Next Pack Meeting is our Hayride on October 16th.