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The week of March 9th Caleb, Aaron and Austin, on their own, took a trash bag down to a creek in their neighborhood and filled the trash bag with litter. They hang out at the creek often and they have talked about how trashy the creek is...they must have seen the need and wanted to make a difference. We are all proud of the three of you. Way to go....

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Pack 262 participated in Lee's Summit St. Patrick's Day Emerald Parade on March 14th. We had seventeen scouts showing Pack Pride to a crowded downtown area. They then retraced their steps and cleaned up trash along the parade route. Way to show community spirit!!!!

April Birthdays

Austin L.	4/07
Joseph D.	4/13
Alex W.	4/27
Nick J.	4/30

March Pack Meeting Recap

Scout Promise

I, scouts name,
Promise to do my best
To do my duty to God
and my country,
To help other people,
And
To obey the Law of
the Pack

Date: March 26 2009
Place: Aldersgate United Methodist Church Grounds
Subject: Pack 262 Pack Meeting
Conditions: Cold and Raining
Mission: Cub Scout Map and Compass.
Report Follows:

Twenty-three Scouts from all ranks braved the rain and cold with only the promise of Hot Chocolate and much fun to be had at the March Pack Meeting.

The night's activities included a Map and Compass Course for each Rank to complete while picking up clues along the way when they were able to find the correct flag. Some of the Leaders had been kind enough the night before to place dummy flags all over the place as well.

The scouts were able to learn basic Map and Compass skills like following a bearing based on a landmark and reading a map to look for known landmarks.

They were then challenged to measure their "pace" and use that to measure the Parking Lot.

The final challenge involved deciphering the clues to check the ability of the Scouts, the Akelas and the Leaders that set the courses to follow directions and read a Map and Compass.

We are pleased that all groups found most points correctly! We are excited that no one found all the marks as this means that additional practice is needed (some of the Leaders and Akelas had as much fun as the Scouts walking through the mud and muck to on the church grounds!)

At the end of the night and after waiting for the Webelos to return from the most distant course Hot Chocolate was had by all! Igor handed out advancements and Den 8 led singing of the Shark song.

Thanks to all the Leaders and Den Chief that helped set the course, The Leaders, the Akelas and Den Chiefs who helped the Scouts around the course and the Hot Chocolate Crew.

Special thanks to the Scouts and the Akelas for braving a cold wet night and being willing to walk around in the Rain, Mud and Muck! Each of these Scouts will be receiving a Map and Compass Belt Loop and Pin for their accomplishments.

Hiking Club News

"Unquestioned Fortitude"

What do you get when you mix together rain, sleet, snow, wind, rattlesnakes, limestone boulders, old ruins, catfish, turtles, spring peepers, and 4 enthusiastic Cub Scouts? Another exciting adventure for Pack 262's Hike Club. This month's 4 adventurous diehards and their akelas braved a cold, snowy-rainy afternoon at Burr Oak Woods Nature Center to hike the trails and explore the Nature Center. Trace, Dietrich, Austin, and Josh met at the Nature Center and set-out on their first leg, hiking along a paved trail through forests, glades, and prairies. Despite the cold and occasion spitting rain and snow, the boys heard spring peepers chirping in a small pond. The boys learned about how foresters manage Burr Oak Woods from Mark Nelson, and

they stopped to enjoy the scenery at a couple of overlooks. The first trail finished, the boys visited the Nature Center, and explored the exhibits. The boys especially enjoyed the live snakes which included a copperhead and a timber rattlesnake. The boys also liked the big aquarium stocked with big catfish and even a couple of turtles.

After 15 minutes to regain feeling again in numbed fingers and toes, they loaded in cars and drove to another trailhead. This trail was a little more rugged, with the walk up steeper hills and through the dense forests. The boys looked at the remains of a long-abandoned farm, and noticed that the well-spring still flowed with water. The highlight of the trail was the walk beneath enormous limestone bluffs and boulders.

All together, the boys hiked 2.5 miles, which was enough for them to earn their 5-Miler Award and a coveted 'white bead' for having an event in the snow. Although cold and a little wet, the boys all agreed that this was a fun hike, and they hope more scouts join them again next month at Lake Jacomo.

Mark Nelson, Den Leader

Upcoming Events/Dates

April 16 th	Pack Meeting - Bike Rodeo/Ice Cream Social at 6:30 PM at Aldersgate United Methodist Church
May 3 rd	Pack Hike Club at Lake Jacomo at 2:00 PM
May 7 th	Leader Meeting at 7:00 PM at Aldersgate United Methodist Church
May 16 th	Pack Family Campout/Tiger Cub Graduation Time/Place to be announced
May 27 th	Last Day of School!!!