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Josh M. is Pack 262 Scout of the Month for February. Josh has been showing outstanding Scout Spirit. He constantly practices 'Leave No Trace' without being asked. Most of the time from litter that other folks have left behind. Josh holds doors open constantly for others. He also was awarded a Citizenship award from his school. His grades are outstanding. Way to go Josh...

February Birthdays

Luke	2/01
Nick	2/20
Gabriel	2/22
Austin	2/23
Dominick	2/23
Joshua	2/26
Jackson	2/29

Scout Recognitions

Special Recognition goes to Cooper and Jack for receiving Star Awards for Citizenship at school for the second quarter. These boys are showing some examples of what scouting is about.

Scout Promise

I, scouts name,
Promise to do my best
To do my duty to God
And my country,
To help other people,
and

A third Tiger has also done very well this quarter. Carson B. has received a "Certificate of Excellence" in Responsibility as well as and "Author of Merit" award for outstanding short story that he created.

Pine Wood Derby

Scouts Start Your Engines:

Pack 262's Pine Wood Derby came this year with a Roar. The Track was fast, Hot Dogs and Chili O plenty, and several extremely close races. With the exception of a couple of computer cables deciding to take the night off, and Luke Harmon having to show off his "mad" typing skills the night went off without a hitch. Defending Champion Collin D. came back to take it again with an average time of 2.2795. Finishing off the final four were Aaron E. (2nd) Michael C. (3rd) and Caleb E. (4th). This year also marked the first true outlaw race that had several interesting and creative designs with the ability to shed wheels during the race to have that NASCAR crash feel. I would like to thank everyone that volunteered their time to make this event happen. Several folks took time out of their day to assist with setup the night before and offer help for check in, car tweaking in the pit area, and overall race functions. Remember only 11 months left until the 2010 race day challenge in upon us start planning now....Scout On

2nd Year Webelos Den 5 (Cobra Patrol)

Has it been 5 years already? It seems like just yesterday that a group of little boys gathered together for the first time as Tiger Den 5. As the years have passed, the den gained new faces and the boys continued to grow and learn as they progressed through the Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos ranks. They have all accomplished so much, but far more than what you can see by looking at their badges, patches, pins, beads, medals, and trophies. They have learned to do things on their own, given their time and energy in many community service efforts, explored new things they may not have without their involvement in scouts, had a lot of fun, and most of all taken a step closer to becoming fine young men.

The scouts in Den 5 have been a dedicated bunch of boys. They have given 100% effort in everything they tackled, including the annual greenery fundraiser, pack events like the pinewood derby, general den activities, and community service opportunities like trash pickup at the St Patrick's Day Parade. They have stayed involved 12 months out of the year since they joined scouting, even meeting during the summer months for outdoor activities and adventure like hiking, swimming, baseball, flag football, tennis, sand volleyball, and camping. They have had family overnights each summer, most local and

one in southern Missouri. They have been active participants in Scout Day Camp, Bear Camp, and Webelos Camp. They said goodbye to Camp Naish for the last time as Webelos this past summer and will be saying hello to Bartle as Boy Scouts this coming summer.

The past 6 months have flown by as the scouts have worked to finish up the final requirements for Webelos activity badges such as Engineer, Artist, Scholar, Scientist, and Family Member. At the same time they have worked to earn their Arrow of Light rank and learn more about the troop that they will soon be a part of.

The 8 scouts in Den 5 Cobra Patrol, Matt B., Alex B., Alex B., Collin D., James H., Erik H., Marco L., and Connor S., have a lot to be proud of and a lot to look forward to. Congratulations to each of them on their scouting successes. May their future in Boy Scouts be everything they want it to be.

Cave Springs Hike

Several scouts and their families enjoyed a cool, cloudy afternoon on Sunday February 8th exploring the trails at Cave Springs Interpretive Center at Raytown. We met at 2 pm, had a brief orientation session under the shelter house, then set out for our many adventures. We started down a paved trail, past a pond, then on to the ruins of several old houses and buildings, with only chimneys left to mark their place. From this point on, the trail turned to wood chips. The scouts and families hiked on until we reached a pond dam that had been breached, which left a small waterfall. This made a perfect spot for pictures, so the boys climbed around the waterfall while the parents pulled out their cameras. A little further on we reached the highlight of the hike, the original cave springs. This natural spring, bubbling out from a small cave in the side of a hill, was the watering stop and camp site for many settlers heading west on the Santa Fe trail. Each boy walked a short distance into the cave. A short distance later down the trail, we returned to the shelter house and the trailhead, full of excitement. We calculated that the boys had hiked .75 miles with the use of a GPS. Since this was such a short hike, (the brochures said it was a 1.5 mile journey) that they returned back down the trail for even more exploration, perhaps imagining that they were Meriwether Lewis or William Clark, blazing new trails and new adventures.

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Hello Scouters,

Hope all is well with you and your families. We have had a lot of activities in the past month.

The very exciting Pinewood Derby was a huge success. The scouts, parents, siblings, and a few grandparents had a lot of fun! Congratulations to ALL of the scouts on their cars and for putting their best effort forward on making their cars. I want to send a big Thank you out to all of the volunteers who helped make this a success. Without your help, we could not have pulled this off.

The first Pack Hike was a lot of fun! We went to Cave Springs in Raytown, Mo. All that attended had a great time. We have announced our next hike for March. We will be going to Longview, March 8th @ 2pm. Look to the website for more information. The Pack will keep track of the miles for each of the hikers.

Scout Sunday was Jan. 8th at Aldersgate. We had a good turn out of Scouts to say Thank you to Aldersgate for being our Chartered Organization. The Pack has made a monetary donation to Aldersgate in the amount of \$250 to put in the Pastors discretionary fund.

Coming up is our Annual Blue and Gold Banquet. I would like to say first, Thank you to everyone who turned in their reservations on time. This was a big help to all of the committee in preparing for this event. This year, we will have Parent and Scout surveys to be filled out at your tables. Please fill these out for us, so that we can continue to provide a program that the Scouts will learn from.

Blue and Gold is a time for us to help celebrate with the 2nd Year Webelos on their accomplishments through Cub Scouts. We will get to enjoy watching these boys Cross Over into Boy Scouts. Congratulations to all of the 2nd Year Webelos.

On another note, the Pack will be having a total optional fundraiser here in the next two weeks. We will be selling flower bulbs through Flower Power (Dutch Gardens). All bulbs are 100% guaranteed. This is not a door-to-door fundraiser. We are simply asking that if you buy flower bulbs for the upcoming spring, or know of family or friends that want to buy them, ask if they will buy them through us. The boys will get 50% of the profit. This will help the pack pay for equipment for upcoming Pack events and camps. We will have more information on this soon.

Day camp information will be coming out here in the next week. Remember that no Scout will be turned away because of financial difficulties. Inquiries on camperships should be made to myself, Jon Ledford or Kevin Bye. Any inquiries will be kept confidential.

Your Den Leaders will be contacting you at Den Meetings to help get all of the health forms and photo releases updated. Please help us in getting these updated. We have to have these on file for the year.

See you all at the Blue and Gold,
Until then, Scout On!
Cherie Finley
Committee Chair

Upcoming Dates/Events

February 21 st	Blue and Gold Banquet at Aldersgate United Methodist Church at 5 PM
March 5 th	Leaders Meeting at 7 PM at Aldersgate United Methodist Church
March 8 th	Pack 262 Hiking Club at Longview at 2 PM
March 14 th	Lees Summit St. Patrick's Day Parade at Noon
March 26 th	March Pack Meeting at Aldersgate United Methodist Church at 7 PM