



The Pack Packet



St. Paul's Cub Scouts

Pack 209

Newsletter

January, 2007

It's Derby Time!

It's that time of the year again, when the smell of freshly carved pine is in the air and thoughts of derby cars fill our heads. The Pack 209 Pinewood Derby will be held on Saturday, January 20th at 2:30 in the afternoon in the St. Paul School Cafeteria.

If Pinewood Derbies are new to you or if you need a refresher course on building your car or the rules of the race, there are lots of places to look. Visit the Pack 209 web site <http://www.stpaulstpete.com/Pack209/> and go to the links page for places on the internet that has the rules and regulations for the derby, as well as some pretty cool ideas on making cars.

Friends of Scouting

Friends of Scouting is a campaign to provide financial support to your local council. In our case, that is West Central Florida Council. This support is in the form of a pledge or donation from a company, organization or individual to ensure the financial viability of a council. Each council, including West Central Florida Council, must raise all of its own funds to support its operating budget. Councils receive excellent program support from our National office but no financial support is provided. During the Pinewood Derby, families will be asked to contribute to Friends of Scouting. We would like to thank you in advance for your financial help.

Schedule 06-07

January

- 20: Pinewood Derby, Friends of Scouting 2:30-5pm
- 27, 28: Time and Talent (after each mass)

February

- 4: Scout Sunday 9:30 mass
- 10: St. Paul's Family Campout 3pm - ?

March

- 3: Canoeing at Weedon Island
- 13-16: St. Paul's Festival
- 23-25: Ft. DeSoto Family Campout

May

- 5 : Blue and Gold Breakfast

Game of the Month

Shopping - Group sits in a circle. One player is sent out of the room and the others take counsel and decide what this player must be when he comes back. They decide, for



example, that he shall be a policeman. When he comes in he asks each of the players in turn what he can buy for himself. In this case he can buy a pair of black boots, whistle, a flashlight, and so on. When he has gone round the circle he is given two chances to guess what he is and if he does not know he loses a point.

Variation: As above, but group decides who the person sent out of room will be. (Famous athlete, politician, musician, movie star, etc.) Person sent out of room tries to determine who he is by elimination: Am I living? Am I Canadian? Am I in sports? etc. Set a time limit of ten minutes.

Annual Rechartering

It's time to recharter our pack. Scouting is one of the least expensive and most worthwhile activities we can engage in with our kids. It is the only full fledged youth development program that the parish offers for boys ages 6-11. Statistically, it is also one of the most successful.

Your job for rechartering, as a parent, is really pretty simple. Attached to this newsletter is a simple recharter form that you can fill out with the basic information needed to re-enroll your child for Cub Scouts for the 2007-2008 season. Attach a check for the appropriate amount (\$11.00 for membership and an additional \$12.00 if you would like to renew your boys subscription to *Boy's Life* magazine). Once completed, return the form and a check to your Den Leader or bring it with you to the St. Paul Campout on February 10th. That's all there is to it!

Note to those who joined last August: Remember that your full year of dues was intended as a "first and last" payment to help us cover the balance of the school year that you *exit* pack 209. Full year registration and insurance is due each February until then.

Parent Corner

Your boys have been working hard this year, with scouting, while having a good time. We would like to reward your scout for their achievements, but we can only reward them if we know their accomplishments. Please take the time to sit and review, with your scout, their accomplishments (be sure and have their den handbooks with you.) Then, pass a list of the accomplishments to your scouts Den Leader so we can recognize the boy's hard work. Thank you for your cooperation in making Pack 209 a success!

Pack 209 Recharter

Who: Pack 209

What: Annual Charter Renewal

When: **Pack Charter expires February 28, 2007.**

Why: Pack must renew its charter annually in February in order to maintain its charter, insurance, etc.

How much: \$11.00 per scout, due February 10th (St. Paul's Family Campout). The optional subscription to *Boys Life* magazine is an additional \$12.00, if desired. Please pay by check, made payable to *Pack 209*, and remitted to your den leader.

It's that time of year (February) when the Pack has to file for recharter. The Pack is also in need of adult volunteers to fill some leadership positions that will be vacated at the end of this year. If you are interested in becoming a member of the leadership committee, or if you have any questions, please contact your den leader or David Bowen at 521-3707.

Choose ONE option below:

- Enclosed is \$11.00 to cover the cost of the annual recharter fee for my child, (Print child's name) _____.
- Enclosed is \$23.00 to cover the cost of the annual recharter fee for my child, (Print child's name) _____, along with the cost of a one-year subscription to *Boys Life* magazine.

You may also select:

- I am interested in becoming a Scout Leader. Please contact me at:
(Phone) _____ (Email) _____
- I would like to be signed up to support Pack 209 by getting and/or using an Albertson's Preferred Card. Please sign me up using the information below:
(Name) _____ (Email) _____
(Address) _____
(City/State): _____ (Zip): _____ (Phone #): _____

I already have an Albertson's Preferred Card. My Card # is: _____

(The Albertson's Card support is at no cost to you! Please sign up!)

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Include cash or check payable to Pack 209