



# THE PACK PACKET



St. Paul's Cub Scouts

Pack 209

Newsletter

March, 2006

## *Here's what's happening with Pack 209!*

### **What these scouts need is a good paddling! (Around Weedon Island, that is.)**

Have you had one of those late winters? The flu still lingering nearby? Is there three-and-a-half tons of leaves covering your yard? Does it seem like spring break will *never* get here?

I've got just the thing for you: A lazy little boat ride around a beautiful nature preserve. It won't get any of the chores done, but who cares?

*C'mon! You know you want to.*

Here's your chance:

### **The annual Pack 209 Weedon Island Canoe Extravaganza is this Saturday, March 4!**

(We sincerely hope this news doesn't send you into a tailspin of uncontrollable excitement, but we know better.)



From I-275 take exit 28 (Old 15) and head east on Gandy Boulevard (694). Turn south on San Martin Boulevard (823) and then east on Weedon Drive N.E., which follows the shoreline of Riviera Bay and dead ends at the canoe launch and fishing pier.

### **What you need to know:**

- Canoes, paddles, and flotation devices will once again be provided thanks to the generosity of Boy Scout Troop 301. Thanks guys!
- If you have your own equipment, bring it, *especially life jackets.*
- All boaters are required to wear flotation devices. There are no exceptions.
- Please arrive at Weedon Island before 9:30 to allow some time to assemble. (See directions)
- **We will have a brief safety meeting before any boats are allowed on the water. All boats must contain at least one adult who has been briefed on safety before they are allowed on the water.**
- Webeles will be given the choice to go on a longer trip around the canoe trail, or just do the sandbar "paddle out", but arrive early. The trail group will leave first. Allow at least 3 hours in the water for the trail.
- Everyone else will paddle out to the sandbar and back. Plan on being on the water 1 ½ to 2 hours.
- Wear sturdy shoes that can get wet (old sneakers or sandals with straps in the back, for instance) and plenty of sunscreen. Hats and sunglasses are advisable.

*It's a great time! We'll see you there!*

The Pack event is limited to just the morning canoe ride, but families are encouraged to stay and enjoy the recreation area. There are trails, picnic areas, an education center, and much more to enjoy while you're there!

For more details, Contact Dave Dusseault at 896-1021 or [dusseaultd@verizon.net](mailto:dusseaultd@verizon.net)

**Keep reading! Very important Scout  
News on the Back Page!**

## Coming Events

**March 4** Canoe Trip  
**March 31-April 2** Ft. DeSoto  
Campout

### **Don't miss the fun for the rest of the year! Sign up for a new year of scouting so you don't get dropped!**

#### **Do you really want to make out more paperwork? Here's your chance!**

That's right, all you have to do is delay any further in getting your recharter turned in, and you could have the opportunity to have to *sign up for scouts all over again!* (Or you could do it the easy way. Keep reading.)

Each year, Pack 209 has to turn in an updated roster to the Skyway District in order to, well, to *be* Pack 209. That paperwork is now overdue. Here's what is holding thing up:

#### **Only 15 scouts have signed back up!**

Now, I know this is just an oversight, a breakdown of communication, a busy month, a crazy work schedule, you missed me at the picnic, your dog ate the check, whatever, but the recharter must be completed with or without you.

The bottom line is, **if you do not sign back up, you may not participate in activities with the Pack for the balance of the school year without applying again, including the Canoe Trip and the Fort DeSoto Campout.**

(Sorry, but without membership there is no liability insurance.)

The good news is that it's wicked easy to do. Here's how:

**Step 1:** Print out the "Pack 209 Recharter Form" (page 3 of this newsletter).

**Step 2:** Check off your choices and fill in the information about your scout, then sign the form.

**Step 3:** Deliver the form *including payment* one of three ways:

- a) Give it to your Den leader on or before Saturday March 4
- b) Put it in an envelope (checks only, no cash please) and drop it in Dave Dusseault's mailbox on or before Tuesday, March 7 at:  
1628 14<sup>th</sup> Street North  
(near St. Paul's)
- c) Bring it with you and give it to Dave at the canoe trip on Saturday March 4.

In case you are wondering if I mean you, here is a list of the scouts that *are* signed back up as of Thursday March 2:

Michael Davis	Ethan Dusseault
Nathan Frazee	Daniel Hunter
Hunter Lindenberg	John Embree
Brad Davis	John Darlack
Michael Pillucere	Cullen Molaskey
Cole Volpe	All of Webelos 2

If you believe you signed back up, but aren't on the list, check with your den leader or with Dave. The Ft. DeSoto signup looks similar, and you might mistakenly think you did it at the same time. Also, some leaders may still have materials they haven't turned in, but you need to find out! Don't assume, please.

# Pack 209 Recharter

- Who: Pack 209
- What: Annual Charter Renewal
- When: **Pack Charter expires February 28, 2006.**
- 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 11<sup>th</sup> (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, please let me know. If you have any questions, please contact your den leader or Dave Dusseault at 896-1021.

**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**