



THE PACK PACKET



St. Paul's Cub Scouts

Pack 209

Newsletter

October, 2005

Sunday in the Park with Gorge

Okay, okay. It was a Saturday, and it was a playground not a park, but the **Annual Kick-off Picnic** certainly included a fair share of gorging. Burgers, hotdogs, and homemade dishes as far as the eye could see were the highlight of this event. (With all that food in our stomachs, you would have thought that the Scout Leaders could have outweighed the boys in the tug-of-war face off, but it was not to be ... maybe next year!)

Remarkably, seven new applications were distributed at the event, and three were returned. This brings our grand total of boys participating in Pack 209 to 50 Scouts!

Hurricane Relief



As a testament to the goodwill of our Scouts, **over \$180** was raised at the picnic for **Hurricane Katrina Relief**. I

was at the collection spot for most of the time, and I want to comment that most of that money came directly from the kids. Some came from extra chores, some from piggy banks and birthday money. The first grade class even donated a bag of coins that they had used for a sorting activity. It was really heartwarming to see how committed the kids are to helping others. Great job, Scouts!

The money was passed on through St. Paul's Church collection, and will be used by our (newly adopted) sister parish of St. Paul's in Mississippi.

Coming Events

October

- 1&2: Popcorn Sale at Masses
- 9: Raingutter Regatta 2-4pm
- 15: Tiger Growl
- 29: Scouting for Food (Bags Out) 10am-Noon

November

- 5: Scouting for Food (Collection) and Picnic 10am-2pm
- 19-20: Cub Scout Family Camping at Camp Soule (For interested families. This is sponsored by the Skyway District. Visit www.wcfbsa.org, and click the camping link for more details and registration information.)



*Calling all boaters!
Here's the one event
where you can really
"Blow It"!*

It's the annual Raingutter Regatta!

Time to take a deep breath and dive in to the fun! This year's race will be held on **Sunday, October 9 from 2-4 pm**, on the grounds at St. Paul's School. (We are going to try to set up in the courtyard between the school and the cafeteria, so look for us.)

Please check the back page for details!

Interest Survey

We would like to find out if families are interested in Pack 209 hosting a website. Keeping one up is a bit of work, but we have some volunteers to do it. Let us know what you think by taking a few minutes to complete an online interest survey at

<http://www.quia.com/sv/67562.html>

Thanks! Your input is important to us!

October Events



More on the Regatta:

The rules of the regatta are simple: Each scout will race their boat in a single elimination tournament against other scouts from his own den (alternating tracks). Den winners will compete for the Pack Championship. Boats must be powered only by blowing on the sail (no hands).

Prior to the race, boats will be judged for style. One style prize will be awarded for each den.

The focus of the event is on sportsmanship and effort! Please stress with your scout the idea that winning isn't everything, having fun is!

Some tips on boatmaking:

- ❖ Keep the bottom of the boat flat (less tipping that way)
- ❖ A smooth finish cuts resistance
- ❖ Attach the bottom of the sail to the deck of the boat with glue or pins. Be sure it is evenly balanced
- ❖ Trim a little off the mast to lower the center of gravity
- ❖ A slow even breath works best. Practicing in the bathtub is a good idea.
- ❖ **MOST IMPORTANTLY:** Let this be a project that the *boys* make, so they can be proud of it. Pride in craftsmanship is a key part of the activity!

Parent Corner

Don't forget that Scouts are allowed to wear their Cub Scout uniform to school on meeting days. (This includes the Friday before a weekend Pack meeting and the days of den meetings.)
Class A (button down) uniforms only, please.

S H O W & S E L L



Popcorn Show and Sell will be at all of the masses at St. Paul's the weekend of October 1-2.

Scouts can earn a head start on their take-order sales and prizes by participating, and both scouts and adults are needed to help staff the sales. Contact your den leader, or call Tara Bruce at 895-8512 for more information.

***Remember: Take Order Sales for Popcorn are due on October 20.
Popcorn Pick Up day is November 12***

A O R D E R S D U E

Tiger Growl!

For Tiger Scouts Only!



Get ready for Tiger Growl! It's a fun filled day of games and activities at Camp Soule, designed especially for Tiger Scouts! Your den leader will have registration information, or visit www.wcfcbsa.org to register. (Discounts offered for registration before October 10.) Tiger Growl is Saturday, October 15 from 10am-3pm (Check in is from 8-10am.)

Show your pride, wear your colors!