



Pack **352** News

Cubmaster Message

A Happy New Year to all the Scouts of Pack 352 and their families. I'm excited by the new year, the new possibilities and the promise of adventures it holds (and the occasional cream pie or two or 42, I'm sure).

January, the first month, is the door to the new year. It is named for Janus, the ancient Roman god of gates, doorways, beginnings and endings. Janus is often depicted with two faces (one coming, one going). February, the year's second month, is named after the Latin term *februum*, which means purification (for an old purification ritual *Februa* held mid-February in the old Roman calendar).

So the first two months of the year are about looking back and forward, about doorways and beginnings and endings. And about rituals and ceremony. Very fitting indeed as we approach our Blue and Gold luncheon in early February. The Blue and Gold includes one of the most important ceremonies in Cub Scouting: the awarding of the Arrow of Light badge to boys who've earned it, and the bridging of Webelos II Scouts from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts. Definitely some endings and exciting new beginnings, of doorways opening up to new possibilities, new adventures.



The Arrow of Light is much more difficult to obtain than a belt loop, an activity badge or even a rank patch. To obtain this award, Scouts must meet a set of requirements, includ-

ing completion of certain activity badges, participation in camps, hikes and Boy Scout activities, the memorization of the Scout Oath and the Scout Law, and the commitment to live by these principles. The Arrow of Light is also the only Cub Scout award that may be worn on the Boy Scout Uniform. As an Adult, the recipient of an Arrow of Light can wear a special square knot badge to always recall his Arrow of Light.

The Arrow of Light badge depicts a rising sun, symbolizing the constant new challenges provided by Scouting and by life itself. The sun sheds its light on all that we do, and reminds Scouts to be a light for those around them, a light for others. The seven rays of the sun represent the seven days of the week, reminding Scouts to do their best every day. The Arrow of Light badge also shows an arrow, symbolic of everything that is straight and true. Like the arrow, Scouts are called to be straight and true in their lives, and follow the path to a good life. Finally, the arrow points to the Boy Scout trail, and new challenges and adventures ahead.

I'm excited for our Webelos II Scouts, and am proud of the work many have done to earn this highest Cub Scout award. And as they bridge into Boy Scouting, while we'll miss them in Pack 352, we encourage them to always do their best, and have fun too as Boy Scouts and/or wherever their path takes them!

So, as we finish January and enter February, I encourage all of Pack 352 – Scouts, parents, brothers, sisters, family and friends – to look for new opportunities, new doorways, new beginnings.

Yours in Scouting,

Mike Nemecek, Cubmaster
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P.S. Why Blue and Gold and not Purple and Burnt Siena? The colors of Cub Scouting are, not surprisingly, symbols. The blue reminds us of the sky above. It stands for truth, faith, and steadfast loyalty -- to God, our country and our fellow man. The gold reminds us of warm sunlight. It stands for good cheer and happiness. We always feel better when the sun is shining and so will those to whom we give good will. See you at the Blue and

Gold luncheon!



UPCOMING PACK MEETING

Date	Thursday, February 7th
Time & Location	7:00PM Jacoba Hall, TFS
Set-up	Den 3
Opening Flag	Den 4
Closing Flag	Den 10
Skit	Den 1
Clean-up	Den 13

Pack Activity Calendar

February 2008

Scout Sunday - Feb. 3rd
 Blue & Gold Banquet - Feb. 3rd
 Arrow of Light Ceremony
 Volunteer & Special Award Recognition
 Pack Meeting - Feb. 7th
 Pack Beach Trip - Feb. 16th & 17th
 Carolina Hurricanes February Scout Night - Feb. 19th

March 2008

Pack Meeting - Mar. 6th
 Litter to Glitter—POP TOP TABS - Mar. 6th Pack Meeting
 Carolina Hurricanes March Scout Night - Mar. 6th
 Reptile Day - Mar. 15th

April 2008

Pack Meeting - Apr. 10th
 Talent Show - Apr. 10th Pack Meeting
 Rocket Space Derby - Apr. 26th

May 2008

Pack Meeting - May 8th
 Spring 2008 Campout—Date TBD

June 2008

Scout Night with the Durham Bulls - Jun. 6th
 Pack Meeting - Jun. 12th
 Scout Games - Jun. 12th Pack Meeting

Summer 2008 Events (dates to be announced)

Bike Rodeo
 Pack Hike
 Fishing Derby
 Welcome Back Cookout

Pack 352 February 16-17 Beach Trip

Reminder—Registration Forms and payment are due by Friday, February 1st. See attached Flyer for trip details and registration form. Contact John Martin at ajmartin@nc.rr.com or 919-787-6527 with questions.



2008 Pinewood Derby

Many thanks to Scott and Gina Hawkins for a terrific Pinewood Derby.

Thanks to all the scouts and parents in Den 10 and other dens who helped make this event so successful.

Durham Bulls Scout Night Friday, June 6, 2008

Scouts and their families can camp in the outfield of the DBAP.

Watch for more information coming in early February.



Pack 352 Blue & Gold Banquet - Chinese New Year

Sunday, February 3, 2008, Wake County Shrine Club

Scouts and families should plan to arrive between 12:30 and 1:00 pm

Prayer and Lunch Buffet will begin at 1:00 pm

Arrow of Light & Bridging Ceremonies will begin at 2:30 pm

A blue and gold banquet is a birthday celebration for the Cub Scouting program, held during February. The anniversary month of the Boy Scouts of America, which was organized in February 1910. The Cub Scouts was organized 20 years later in 1930.

Today, the Blue and Gold banquet is one of the highlights of the program year. It brings together our Pack's families for a meal and a day of fun. The meal is important, but even more important is the warm, congenial atmosphere created as families enjoy each other's company.

Scout Sunday

The Boy Scouts of America designates the Sunday that falls before February 8 (Scouting Anniversary Day) as Scout Sunday, which is the primary date to recognize the contributions of young people and adults to Scouting.

This year Scout Sunday will be celebrated throughout the United States on **February 3, 2008**. Parishes have been encouraged by BSA to recognize their Scouts at Mass that weekend. Attend service at your place of worship in uniform.



The Carolina Hurricanes—2008 Scout Nights



Lower Level \$60 seat for \$31.00
Upper Level Corner \$30 seat for \$16.00

Tuesday, February 19, 2008

Carolina Hurricanes v. Boston Bruins
(Staal Limited Edition Collectable Figurine Giveaway Night)

Thursday, March 6, 2008

Carolina Hurricanes v. Minnesota Wild

To insure that our Pack will be seated together, ticket order form and payment need to be submitted to Barbara Bateman no later than Thursday, January 31, 2008.

Order Form is included at back of this newsletter.

Patches will be mailed approx. 6 weeks after the game is played. Tickets are subject to availability.

Additional Game Announced

Thursday, February 28, 2008, Carolina Hurricanes v. NY Islanders
(Note—Feb. 28th is not a scout night—patches will not be given out for this game.)

The Hurricanes are offering our group \$31 Lower Level and \$16 Upper Level tickets. Certain restrictions apply—We must order at least 20 tickets to get these prices.

If you are interested in tickets for the February 28th game, please email Barbara Bateman at nametabs@att.net with the number of upper or lower level tickets you would like.

If Barbara hears from enough interested Canes fans you will be contacted by email to confirm details and payment information.

Mount Vernon Trip Report

By John Bardin



On November 10th, 18 scouts and their families visited Mount Vernon, the home of our country's first president. Upon arrival, the scouts met at George Washington's tomb and participated in a wreath laying ceremony. The wreath was made by the scouts using items native to NC that included pine cones, acorns, sea shells, and evergreen sprigs. After the wreath ceremony, everyone ventured to the surveying course and the scouts (and parents) received an introduction to surveying. The scouts then surveyed the land using tools similar to what George Washington had used.

As the day progressed everyone broke into small groups and toured the grounds, the mansion, and the museum. Some participants even had the opportunity to meet Mrs. Washington and ask questions about her life.

Many families stayed overnight and visited other sites such as: Washington DC, Arlington National Cemetery, and the Marine Museum.

News from:



Rank: **Tiger**
Den Leader: **John Bardin**

November Recap

Submitted by Connor Bardin, Scout

Den 1 has been working really hard. We just earned our Bobcat rank at the last pack meeting. We have also learned about the American flag, flag ceremonies, being part of a community, and going outdoors. Our latest Go See It was to a Fire Station. We were able to talk with the firefighters, see their equipment and where they sleep.



Rank: **Wolf**
Den Leader: **Stephen Nolan**
Asst. Den Leader: Tim Sullivan



Rank: **Tiger**
Den Leader: **Rich Panizza**
Asst. Den Leader: Steve Miller



Rank: **Webelos II**
Den Leader: **Frank McNally**



Rank: **Wolf**
Den Leader: **Rob Campbell**



Rank: **Webelos II**
Den Leader: **John Gajda**
Asst. Den Leader: Paul Browning



Rank: **Web I**
Den Leader: **Richard DeMarco**
Asst. Den Leader: Melinda Brown



Rank: **Bear**
Den Leader: **Gina Hawkins**
Asst. Den Leader: Mike Nemecek



Rank: **Web I**
Den Leader: **John Martin**
Asst. Den Leader: Paul Raiche

November Recap

Camping Trip

Submitted by Marco Tomaino, Scout

In November, the Webelos had a camping trip at B.W. Wells State Recreation area at Falls Lake. We did 4 activities. The activities were Readyman, Outdoorsman, Naturalist, and Forester. It was a very fun camping trip even though it was cold.

Craftsman badge

Submitted by Marco Tomaino, Scout

On November 19th we made CD holders. We did that so we could start our Craftsman badge. We used lots of stuff like nails, wood, and we painted it. We are working hard, but it is fun.

December Recap

Recycled Junk

Submitted by Brendan Bross, Scout

In the December Den Meeting we worked on our Artist Activity Pin. We made a craft construction out of recycled junk. My family and I got some of the junk from the scrap exchange like plastic injectors, VHS tapes, foam, and pieces of material. The rest of the junk we got from recycling at home like peanut butter jars, toilet paper rolls and egg cartons. During the meeting we used a hot glue gun, pipe cleaners and tape to hold our constructions together. Some of the things our den made were: The American Idol Stage, a rocket ship with a monkey astronaut, 3-D goggles, a submarine and night vision goggles. It was totally awesome.



Rank: **Bear**
Den Leader: **Kristin Pecot**
Asst. Den Leader: Chris Noonan



Rank: **Webelos I**
Den Leader: **David Lewis**
Asst. Den Leader: George Canfield

SCOUT NIGHT GAME TICKETS



Return this form to Barbara Bateman – Activities Committee - by January 31, 2008.
Drop off or mail to Barbara at 9404 Miranda Dr, Raleigh, NC 27617.

TUESDAY NIGHT GAME – February 19, 2008

I would like _____ tickets @ \$31.00 for February 19th vs. **Boston** \$_____

I would like _____ tickets @ \$16.00 for February 19th vs. **Boston.** \$_____

THURSDAY NIGHT GAME – March 6, 2008

I would like _____ tickets @ \$31.00 for March 6th vs. **Minnesota** \$_____

I would like _____ tickets @ \$16.00 for March 6th vs. **Minnesota** \$_____

Total \$_____

Please make checks payable to Pack 352.

Name _____ Den _____

Phone : _____

e-mail: _____





- What:** Pack 352 trip to The Crystal Coast
When: Saturday-Sunday, February 16-17, 2008
Where: Beaufort and Atlantic Beach, NC
Why: To see Wild Horses off Carrot Island
To visit the NC Aquarium in Pine Knoll Shores
To visit Fort Macon State Park

On February 16th, the Den 8 (Webelos I) invite the Cub Scouts and the families of Pack 352 to join us on a trip to The Crystal Coast of Carteret County. Our trip will feature the following exciting activities:

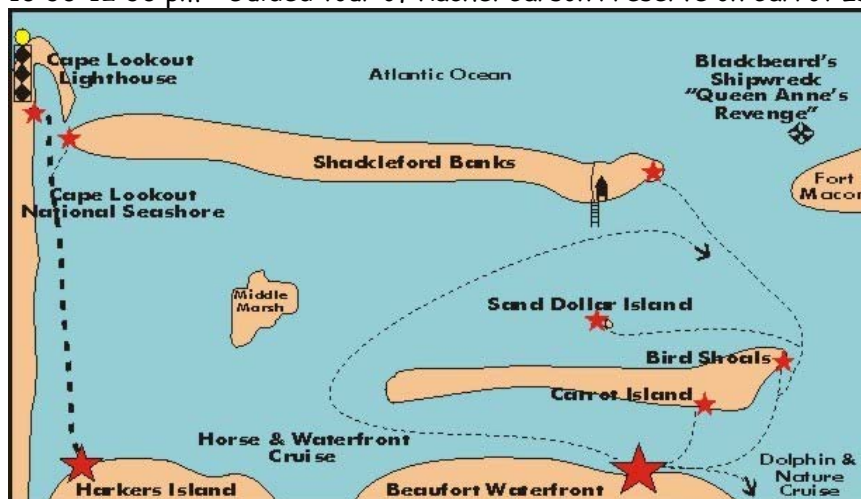
- A guided tour of The Rachel Carson Preserve on Carrot Island, just off the Beaufort Waterfront.
- An "Evening with the Fishes" at the North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores
- A visit to Fort Macon State Park to learn about its role in the Civil War

The Crystal Coast of Beaufort, Morehead City, and Atlantic Beach is 3 hours East of Raleigh down US 70 is a popular tourist destination for beachgoers.

Here is the agenda for the weekend:

Saturday

- 6:45 am - Meet at St. Francis for departure (if desired)
- 7:00-10:00 am - Depart St. Francis for Beaufort - Meet at Outer Banks Ferry in Beaufort
- 10:00-10:30 am - Ferry ride to Carrot Island (\$5 for adults, \$3 for children)
- 10:30-12:30 pm - Guided tour of Rachel Carson Preserve on Carrot Island



- 12:30-1:00 pm - Lunch - Bring your own bag lunch
- 1:00-2:00 pm - Tour island searching for shells and wild horses
- 2:00-2:30 pm - Service Project
- 2:30-3:00 pm - Ferry ride back to Carrot Island
- 3:00-5:30 pm - Free Time (Tour Beaufort Waterfront, Morehead City Waterfront, Check in at Amerisuites Hotel).
- 5:30-6:00 pm - Depart Hotel for NC Aquarium
- 6:00-9:00 pm - Evening with the Fishes at NC Aquarium
 - 6:00-6:45 pm - Live Reptile Program
 - 6:45-7:30 pm - Pizza Dinner
 - 7:30-8:30 pm - Self Guided Aquarium Tour
 - 8:30-9:15 pm - Shark Program
- 9:15 pm - Return to Amerisuites Hotel



Sunday

- 8:00-9:00 am - Breakfast at Amerisuites (Hot Breakfast Buffet)
- 9:00-9:30 am - Depart for Fort Macon
- 9:30-11:30 am - Tour Fort Macon - walk along the beach
- 11:30-12:00 pm - Return to Raleigh

Lodging:

A block of 20 hotel rooms has been reserved at the Amerisuites in Pine Knoll Shores. The group room rate will be \$63.75. Please call the hotel directly to make your reservations at 1-252-247-5118. Please reference Cub Scout Pack 352 when making your reservation. To receive this group rate, reservations must be made by **January 25, 2008**. **This cost is not included in the registration.** <http://www.amerisuites.com/reservations/locationdetail.asp?facid=4053>

Meals:

Saturday Lunch: Bring a cooler or bag lunch for Saturday's tour of Carrot Island.

Saturday Dinner: "The Evening with the Fishes" at the NC Aquarium will provide a Pizza dinner

Sunday Breakfast: The Amerisuites hotel provides a complementary breakfast to its guests.

Sunday Lunch: You are on your own for Sunday lunch. Atlantic Beach and Morehead City have plenty of lunch options, and the BBQ is pretty good at Kings in Kinston or Wilbur's in Goldsboro.

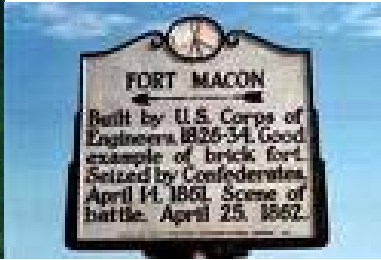
Bring your own snacks if you want something to eat in between.

Things to Do:

There are many things to do on the Crystal Coast such as:

- Tour the beaches (at Fort Macon and elsewhere on the island)
- Explore the waterfronts at Morehead City and Beaufort
- Check out the fishing piers or go surf fishing.

Please feel free to contact John Martin at ajmartin@nc.rr.com or 919-787-6527 for additional information.



Pack 352 Beach Trip Registration Form

February 16 -17, 2008

Scout Name(s): _____

Den Number(s): _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

E-Mail address and Phone: _____

Scout: _____ @ \$20.00 = _____

Sibling: _____ @ \$20.00 = _____

Adult: _____ @ \$20.00 = _____

Total Enclosed: _____

Cash or Check payable to Pack 352. Please mail your registration and payment **by February 1st** to:

John Martin
8001 Pony Pasture Court
Raleigh, NC 27612

There is a maximum of 60 persons who can attend "The Evening with the Fishes" program at the NC Aquarium, so spaces are **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE!**

The event fee covers the cost for the Aquarium program, but not the cost for the Ferry to Carrot Island which is \$5/adult and \$3/child. The guided tour at the Rachel Carson preserve and Fort Macon are FREE.

All scouts must have a medical form and permission slip on file with the Pack in order to attend.

Class B uniform will be required for Cub Scouts for Saturday. Please bring "old/water" shoes for the Carrot Island tour, as they will get wet/muddy.