



Pack **352** News

Cubmaster Message - Cubmaster's Musings: Life of Pie

I looked over the menu. What was I thinking??? Stir-Fried Crickets? Hush Grubbies? Mealworms Marinara?

Yes, the NC Museum of Natural Sciences hosted its annual BugFest on Saturday, 15Sep07, described as "the biggest bug-centric festival in the country. My son (a Bear Scout), his older sister (a Girl Scout), a buddy of my son's and I had wandered for several hours around the downtown Raleigh museum. Viewing bugs and invertebrates of all shapes and sizes. Checking out the antics of the flea circus. Cheering for our racing cockroaches in the "Roachingham 500" (including our race winner, Roachard Petty). Answering bug-related questions on a scavenger hunt sponsored by the regional Boy Scouts organization (and earning my son a very cool BugFest 2007 patch). We needed a break, so we headed over to an annual festival highlight. My intrepid Bear Scout, his sister and I lined up for free lunch at the aptly named Café Insecta. All the food you'd like. Just don't mind the bugs.

My son's friend was interested in Scouting, but couldn't make either of the Join Scout Nights. He had enjoyed the scavenger hunt. But as he went through the line, he was a little concerned. To each volunteer food server, he asked the same question as he worked his way down the line:

"Does it have bugs in it?" "Yes." "No thanks."
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 "Does it have bugs in it?" "No." "Okay, yes please." (plain rice)
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When we got through the line, I stared at my full plate. And after a moment's hesitation, I chowed down. My son and daughter were already way ahead of me. My Bear scout showed his friend that eating bugs was very doable. Even kinda cool. Some college-age

girls looked on in amazement. And it really wasn't bad. Tasty. An exercise in mind-over-matter. I started wishing they had perennial favorite Shoe-Fly Pie ... with, of course, real flies.

Luckily, we later discovered that the local Boy Scout council had provided all the fixings to make your own edible bug at a different Bugfest venue. These bugs were made out of more manageable pretzel sticks, nuts, marshmallows and other goodies. So my son's pal didn't have to go on rice alone.

At the café, my son's friend stuck with his rice ... for now. He has since joined Pack 352, and I know very well that our Scouts are eager to embrace new experiences. So wait until next year's BugFest. At the festival, we saw several Pack 352 Scouts and their parents enjoying the day. Learning. Having fun. Experiencing new things. And at times -- as in eating crickets and mealworms -- doing the extraordinary.

The day before BugFest, on a rainy Friday night (yes, that one rainy day we had this summer), I stopped by the garage of John Gajda for the first Den meeting of his Terrible Timberwolves (aka, Webelos II Den 7). They were holding a little ceremony to recognize the boys who had put in a lot of work and had achieved their Webelos badges. As the T-wolves and I chatted before the ceremony, I noted that, as the eldest boys in the Pack, their achievements came with responsibility. To be good role models to the younger boys -- the Tigers, Wolves and Bears. To help new Scouts (we had more than 20 boys and their families join Pack 352 at or after our Join Scout Nights! Welcome!). To do their best in all things. And at times, to do the extraordinary.

We also talked a little about the recent Pack meeting, where a certain Cubmaster challenged the Pack to sell popcorn during our annual (and only) fundraiser, setting a mark of \$400 in popcorn sales to earn the right to

present the Cubmaster with a cream pie in a very up-close-and-personal manner. And, yes, we had a preview pie-ing. Again, what was I thinking???

Like Scouting, a pie in the face is something out of the ordinary, for sure. On that rainy night, I asked the T-Wolves to do their best. To support their Pack. To participate in the Popcorn sales campaign. And to take it easy on the old Cubmaster if they find themselves, at some future date, with a pie in their hands and a Cubmaster in range. Like the T-wolves, let's all do our part to make our Pack 352 go! To achieve! To do the extraordinary! Good luck with the Popcorn sales!

As I end this note, I'm reminded of one of Kermit the Frog's favorite sayings: "Time sure is fun when you're having flies." Or pies.

Yours in Scouting,

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UPCOMING PACK MEETING

Date	Thursday, October 11th
Time & Location	7:00PM Jacoba Hall, TFS
Set-up	Den 13
Opening Flag Ceremony	Den 9
Closing Flag Ceremony	Den 4
Skit	Den 7
Clean-up	Den 5

Pack Activity Calendar

September 2007

Popcorn Fundraiser Sale Begins - Sept. 29th
Popcorn Fundraiser Storefront Sales - Sept. 29th & 30th

October 2007

Fall 2007 Campout, Kerr Lake - Oct 5th-7th
Pack Meeting/SPCA of Wake County Cat & Dog Food Drive - Oct. 11th
Bowling at Western Lanes - Oct. 20th

November 2007

Fossil Fair - Nov. 3rd
Pack Meeting - Nov. 8th
Pack Trip: Historic Mount Vernon, Nov. 10th

December 2007

Pack Meeting/Duke Children's Hospital Holiday Party Presents for the Children - Dec 6th
Celebration of Art - Dec. 6th Pack Meeting

Service Project

Pack 352 is participating in a Community service Project this month to help the SPCA of Wake County. **All donations should be brought to the Pack Meeting on October 11th.**

The SPCA needs many items but the GREATEST NEEDS are as follows:

Bleach - Paper Towels - Scoopable Cat Litter - Dry Premium Puppy Food - Hand Sanitizer

Help the community - by helping the SPCA.



2007 Popcorn (Updated) Storefront Den Assignments

Business	Location	Saturday Sept. 29 10am-4pm	Sunday Sept. 30 Noon-4pm
Food Lion	Grove Barton	Den 12 and 1	Den 1 and 12
Food Lion	Leesville Rd.	Den 8	Den 10
Harris Teeter	7400 Creedmoor Rd.	Den 2	Den 9
Harris Teeter	3201 Edwards Mill	Den 3 and 5	Den 4 and 6
Harris Teeter	9600 Falls of the Neuse	Den 7	Den 13 and 6

Pack 352 Service To Your Community Project POP TAB COLLECTION

You can help support Ronald McDonald House of Durham by collecting the little tabs you pull to open soda, soup or other aluminum cans.

There will be a collection jar at each and every Pack Meeting - so bring your pop top tabs and help the community.



The funds generated from recycling these aluminum gems help offset the House's expenses. Collecting tabs can be an easy and fun project for you.

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Pack #352 Bowling Tournament



**Western Lanes
Bowling Center**
2512 Hillsborough St.

**Saturday,
October 20, 2007**

Start time: Noon

\$10 per person in advance

The Bowling Center has requested a headcount prior to the event so that lanes can be reserved for our Pack.

At Noon - Western Lanes will begin a behind the scenes tour of the bowling alley.

Learn about the care and maintenance of the bowling lanes, pins and racks.

CUB SCOUTS EARN YOUR BOWLING BELTLOOP & PIN

**Pack #352 Bowling Tournament
Registration form is attached.**

Deadline to submit registration forms to Barbara Bateman, Activities Chair, is October 11th.



Pack 352 Mount Vernon Trip - November 10, 2007

Historic Trail and Wreath Laying Ceremony

Pack 352 will descend on the grounds of George Washington's Virginia estate. Mount Vernon is the most popular historic estate in America. We will hike the Mount Vernon Historic Trail while we learn about the life and times of the Father of our country. We will survey the land using the same types of tools that Washington did as a boy. We as a pack will lay a wreath at the tomb of George Washington to honor him.

Contact John Bardin at jjbardin@gmail.com or 919-264-6440 for additional information. Deadline for submitting forms is November 1, 2007.

Your Cub Scout Official Uniform

As a Cub Scout, you belong to a special group of people, you give service to your community, and you have made a promise to do your best. Wearing your uniform is a way of saying these things to everyone who sees you. Unless your den leader says otherwise, you should wear your Cub Scout uniform to all Scouting activities - not only den and pack meetings, but every activity in which you take part with other Cub Scouts.

Parts of the Official Cub Scout Uniform for Pack 352

- The Cub Scout navy blue shirt
- Navy blue shorts or pants
- Pack 352 hat
- A neckerchief and slide for your rank
- A blue belt with a brass buckle

Because Webelos Scouts are close to becoming Boy Scouts, some Webelos dens choose to wear the tan and olive uniform similar to the one that Boy Scouts wear (tan shirt, olive shorts/slacks, olive socks).

Your Cub Scout Class B or Activity Uniform

A Scout's 'Class B' or activity uniform is not an official BSA sanctioned uniform. This is our Pack's creation and is intended to be worn as an alternative to the full Cub Scout uniform. We wear these shirts on informal occasions - i.e., hiking, camping, or as directed by pack leaders.

Your Cub Scout Red Patch Vest

This vest is not an official part of the Cub Scout uniform but it may be worn to Pack and Den meetings. The vest is available at the scout store or you can make your own. The vest offers a way for cub scouts to display the patches they have earned for participating in Cub Scout sponsored activities. You may also display the patches on a red blanket or be create and create your own scrapbook or display for your Cub Scout patches!

New Class B t-shirts to be ordered!

We will be ordering new Class B short sleeve t-shirts as our current inventory of the Gold shirt is very low. The new shirt will be royal blue color with a gold design that says Pack 352 with the cub scout motto - Do Your Best. The new t-shirt can be worn in addition to the Gold shirt.

If you would like to place an order for a new t-shirt the cost will be \$10.00 for both youth and adult sizes. Please contact Gina Hawkins at shawkins@nc.rr.com or 598-5303 with quantity and sizes you would like to order by Sept 23rd. This will allow just enough time to have the shirts in for the October 11th Pack meeting. Money for all orders will be collected at the meeting.

Please note we are ordering 50-50 t-shirts and they tend to run small compared to 100% cotton t-shirts. If anyone in your group is between sizes, please order one size larger.

These are the available sizes:

6-8 Youth Small	34-36 Adult Small
10-12 Youth Medium	38-40 Adult Medium
14-16 Youth Large	42-44 Adult Large
	46-48 Adult Extra Large
	50-52 Adult 2X Large
	54-56 Adult 3X Large



Tigers, Wolves and Bears-Oh My!

We're growing as a Pack! Pack 352 had two successful Join Scout Nights this year. Many families came out to see what Scouting was all about - and many signed up to be part of Pack 352.

In Cub Scouting, boys and their families have fun and adventure in a program that builds character and instills values. Cub Scouting embraces the values of citizenship, compassion, cooperation, courage, faith, health and fitness, honesty, perseverance, positive attitude, resourcefulness, respect, and responsibility. These values come to boys in all parts of the Cub Scout program—all while they're having a great time with their friends and families.

We welcome all these new families to our Pack.

Special thanks to all those scouts and families who came out and made our Join Scout Nights informative and entertaining and to Anne and John Martin & Family - we couldn't have done it without you!

News from



Submitted by Kyle Brown

Den 9 went to the library on 9/18/07. We learned that reference books can't be checked out and you can only get magazines for one week. Some people got library cards. Some people checked out books. Some people played games on the computer. We did this for achievement #6 for Communicator.



The Pack Newsletter will be published monthly and distributed electronically. Parents, leaders and scouts please submit articles and news to Karen McKee at kmckee@nc.rr.com by the 17th of the month.

Pack #352 Bowling Tournament

Western Lanes Bowling Center

2512 Hillsborough St.
(919) 832-3533

Saturday, October 20, 2007
Start time: Noon

Shoes and three (3) games
\$10 per person in advance



At 10:00 am – Western Lanes will begin a behind the scenes tour of the bowling alley.
Learn about the care and maintenance of the bowling lanes, pins and racks.

**LANES WITH BUMPERS WILL BE AVAILABLE.
CUB SCOUTS EARN YOUR BOWLING BELT LOOP & PIN.**

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BOWLING SPORTS BELT LOOP

1. Explain to your leader or adult partner the rules of courtesy and safety for bowling.
2. Show how to pick out a ball of proper weight and with finger holes that fit your hand.
3. Play a complete game with your family, den or pack.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BOWLING SPORTS PIN

Earn the Bowling belt loop, and complete five of the following requirements:

1. Give a brief history of the sport of bowling.
2. Define the following terms: strike, spare, split, miss, and foul. Show their symbols for scoring.
3. Demonstrate proper stance, delivery, balance, and follow-through to your leader or adult partner.
4. Try different types of delivery and hand positions and see which work best for you.
5. Score a complete game using a score sheet and the proper symbols.
6. Play at least four games and chart your progress. Figure out your average score.
7. Compete in a Scout, family, school, or community bowling tournament.
8. Take bowling lessons.
9. Attend a parent high school, college, or professional bowling competition.
10. Visit a bowling alley and learn about the care and maintenance of the bowling lanes, pins, and racks.

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Scout Name: _____ Den # _____

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of scouts bowling _____ # of other family members bowling _____

Total # of family members bowling _____ X \$10 = \$ _____

Make Check Payable to Pack #352.
Return completed form and check to Barbara Bateman, Pack Activities Chair,
by Thursday, October 11, 2007 at the Pack Meeting.