



Wolf Howler

Wolf Cubs, Pack 641

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Welcome to the Wolf Den!

I would like to welcome you all, scouts and parents, to the Wolf Den! I hope you have had an exciting summer and I promise I will try to make this year as fun as possible. We have a lot of things to accomplish this year and, as our scouts progress in scouting, I want them to get the most out of their experience as a Wolf Cub. For that reason, I will be asking for a lot of parent-participation this year. I hope that we can grow as a scouting family this year so that our boys have a better understanding of the wonderful support systems they have available to them.

I hope you are all as excited as I am for the upcoming year of fun!



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First Meeting Information

Date: 9/10/2007

Time: 5:30 pm.

Place: Marie Kerr Park

Duration: Plan for 1 1/2 hours.

Theme: Your Flag

will also learn about the California State Flag. We will need a U.S. Flag and pole, and California Flag and pole (if we cannot find one, we will need a picture of one and a picture of one being displayed), and a stopwatch for our beginning activity. Please have your Wolf Handbooks ready as well as any awards or activities your scout has been working on over the summer. If your scout has been working on any belt loops or pins, such as the Physical Fitness or Bowling, and has something to share, we will take care of that at the beginning of the meeting.

This first meeting is going to run long because we have planning to take care of. We will be learning how to hold a proper flag ceremony and



What's for Denner?

This year, we will be rotating Denner and Snack Host/Hostess responsibilities so that everyone has an opportunity to contribute. At our first meeting, I will pass around a Denner/Snack Roster. We have 8 In-Home meetings this year and 7 outside meetings. We need one Denner and one Snack host / hostess for each meeting. If you are able to host a meeting at your home, please sign up for at least one In-Home meeting. Denners who are unable to host an In-Home meeting will still be able to help by running the opening activity and helping with supplies and other miscellaneous tasks.

Snack Host/Hostess duties will include bringing a healthy or theme appropriate snack and drink. I will notify you of any special occasions such as birthdays, holidays, or themes that snacks should coincide with.

Special Note on Dues

Though we will be holding two meetings per month this year, we will continue to collect dues only once per month. Monthly dues are \$5.00 and will be due at the first meeting of the month. We all know that life sometimes throws us a curveball, so please come talk to me if you need to make any arrangements.

Dues help buffer the cost of materials and often help us offer reduced prices for field trips and special events.

At our first meeting, we will hold a vote to decide what materials we would like to stockpile for the year, such as paper cups, plates, utensils, construction paper, markers, etc.



2007—2008 Tentative Wolf Den and Pack Schedule

Cub Scout Pack No. 641

2007-2008 Calendar

September 2007

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19	Pack Meeting	10	5:30 MKP: Your Flag
	New Boy Recruiting	24	5:30 MKP: Feats of Skill
	Uniform Day at School		

October 2007

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17	Pack Meeting	8	5:30 TBA Safe at Home
		22	5:30 MPK: Street Safety

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14	Pack Meeting	5	5:30 TBA: Healthy Body
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12	Pack Meeting	3	5:30 TBA Making Choices
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January 2008

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	Day Camp Registration Due	7	5:30 TBA Tools
16	Pack Meeting	26	TBA Collections

February 2008

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8	BSA Anniversary Day	11	5:30 TBA Lang./Culture
20	Blue and Gold Banquet	28	5:30 TBA Lang./Culture

March 2008

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19	Pack Meeting	10	5:30 TBA Your Home
		24	TBA Your Community

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16	Pack Meeting	7	5:30 TBA Living World
		26	TBA Litter Pick-Up

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21	Pack Meeting	10	2:30 MKP Picnic
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	Summertime Activity					
	Cub Scout Resident Camp					

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	Cub Scout Day Camp					
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MKP = Marie Kerr Park

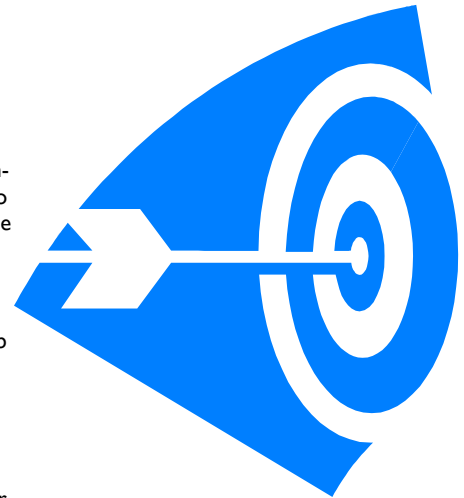


Academic and Athletic Achievements

This year, I would like to make a special effort to give our scouts the opportunity to earn academic and athletic belt loops and pins. During our first meeting, each boy will choose at least one achievement he wants to work on. At the next meeting, he will receive his requirements for that achievement. While we will try our best to incorporate some of the activities for each chosen requirement into our meetings, it is the scout's responsibility to complete their requirement. At every meeting, your scout will have an opportunity to share things he has learned with the Den. Additionally, each cub will be acknowledged for their progress during our meetings. As a group, we will be working on several different achievements including the Citizenship and

Language and Culture belt loops, however, there are several ways they can go about earning their pins for these and I will allow the two of you to decide together whether and how he will pursue them.

In addition to the academic and athletic achievements, your scout has the opportunity to earn several other awards including his Cub Scout World Conservation Award, Leave No Trace Awareness Award, Popcorn Sales Award, and Arrow Point Trail Awards. He will have an opportunity to share all of these with his den and chart his progress at each meeting. I may ask for parent participation for some of the requirements that we do together because, as such a diverse group, we have an abundance of resources between us and I



would like to give each cub and parent an opportunity to contribute.

Year of the Blue and Gold Wolf:



While there is no year of the Wolf in the Chinese Zodiac, this year just might be our year at the Blue and Gold Banquet!

This year, the theme for our Blue and Gold Banquet is "Chinese New Year." The banquet, which will be held in mid-February, will feature the annual Decorating Contest. Those who attended last year know that we were not quite prepared for the magnitude of the decorations from the other dens. This year, however, we have plenty of time to plan. We will be spending two full meetings completing our Language and

Culture Belt Loop and Pin with the focus on the Chinese culture. Throughout the year, each boy will have a special research and art project to work on. These projects will be displayed, along with various other hand-made decorations, at the banquet.

The goal is not only to shine at the banquet, but to get a more hands-on understanding of the Chinese culture and have some fun in the process!

Field Trips Galore!

In order to get the full experience out of our achievements this year, we will plan three opportunities to leave the Den and explore our world. I would like as much input as possible in planning these trips so please feel free to let me know if you have any ideas.

Depending on the activity we settle on, these dates are tentative. As we cannot always please everyone, so we will ultimately choose the dates that work best for the majority of the group.

The first trip is tentatively set for Saturday, January 26. This activity centers around Achievement 6, "Start a Collection." It also gives the boys an opportunity to earn a belt loop or pin. We need to find a museum or other event that features collections of one

form or another. My first thought was to go to the Gene Autry Museum in Griffith Park where they have several collections of items from the Old West.

The next trip is tentatively set for March 24 and will center around the second half of Achievement 4 "Know Your Home and Community." We will be going to some place of importance in our community. As we have already gone to the Library and Fire Department, I thought we might try Antelope Valley College. Again, they will have an opportunity to work on their Citizenship belt loop and pin.

Finally, we will be organizing a Clean-up Day on or around April 26. This activity will serve several purposes: First, to complete



Achievement 7, "Your Living World," and also to help us with our Citizenship, World Conservation, and Leave No Trace Awards, for those who choose to complete them.

Again, your input is valuable to the whole Den, so please send in those suggestions.



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Rah-Rah-Rah!

Hey Scouts and Parents! Now that we're Wolves, we need a Howlin' Good Wolf Cheer to show off to our fellow Pack members! Start talking to your scout about ideas for a Wolf Cheer! We'll settle on one at our first meeting and practice it a few times so we can be ready at our Pack meeting on Septemer 19!

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You're a Grand Old Flag Bearer!

This year's first meeting is very important because we will be learning how to hold a proper flag ceremony. During the first meeting, the boys will draw for opportunities to hold or fold the flag, lead the pledge, or lead the motto and promise. At the end of our first meeting, two boys will be chosen as Flag Bearers for the next meeting.

Flag Bearers will raise and guide the flag, lead the Pledge of Allegiance, and lead the Cub Scout Motto and Promise at the beginning of our meetings. At the end of each meeting, they will be responsible for retiring the colors, folding the flag, and leading the

Wolf Cub Cheer.

Flag Bearers will be chosen by the Den leader and the designated Denner based on behavior, cooperation, and, at times, improvement in behavior at both the meeting and most recent Pack meeting.

It is my hope that this system will teach responsibility, respect for our Country and our Den, and that it will inspire them to improve themselves constantly.

