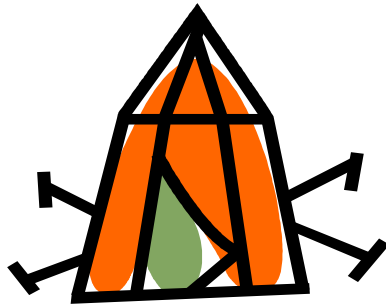


The Cub Chronicle

SEPTEMBER 2010

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Spotlight on camping

As Cubmaster Brooks says, "Camping puts the *outing* in *Scouting*," and no one does camping better than the Cub Scouts. So, what if your family has never been on a campout and doesn't know the difference between a horse fly and a rain fly? The following is a basic camping equipment checklist to help make that first family camping experience a good one:

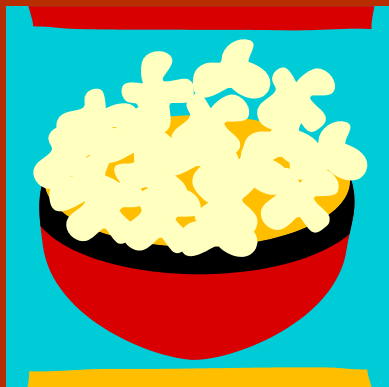
- tent, ground cloth (tarp)
- sleeping bag or bedding, pillow, air mattress or pad, air mattress pump
- camp chairs
- Rain gear, change of clothes, warm jacket or sweatshirt, windbreaker, durable closed-toe shoes
- water bottle (one for each member of the family)
- personal toiletry items
- washcloth and towel
- hat or cap
- flashlight or lanterns
- sunscreen, sunglasses, insect repellent
- camera
- cooking gear (cooler and ice, food, propane stove, propane, cooking/eating utensils, pots/pans, paper plates, lighter)
- camp table
- extra batteries



Don't miss the
Rickwood Caverns
Campout:
October 9-10

Helpful Tips for New Campers

- Inexpensive and durable tents and sleeping bags can be purchased at discount stores like Walmart. If you plan to camp just occasionally, buy the basic tent. Save the expensive lightweight tents and zero-degree bags for the serious campers. Only buy what you need for moderate temperature car camping.
- Borrow camping equipment from friends or make arrangements to share use of items like propane stoves and camp tables with other pack families to reduce your initial camping equipment purchase.
- Make sure you know what facilities are available at your campsite. Bring adequate water (if not available at the campsite) to supply your family's needs.
- Make sure you enlist the help of your Cub when setting up the campsite. This is valuable training that will help him in Boy Scouts.
- Establish a place for shoes outside your tent. This will help keep the floor of your tent clean.
- Make sure you establish safety rules with your family each time you camp. Clearly establish where and how far your children can wander from the campsite. Remind children of the "buddy system" which is a requirement for everyone (adults also).
- Supervise your children when group camping, and make sure they are engaging in activities appropriate for their age level.
- When camping with the Pack, leave prohibited items and pets at home.
- If you pack up early to go home, let the Cubmaster (or Camp Coordinator) know.
- Make sure you have turned in your medical release form for your Cub before camping.



POPCORN IS COMING! SEPTEMBER 27 - OCTOBER 25

Popcorn sales help fund exciting pack events like the Shark Tooth Creek Campout, Rickwood Caverns Campout and Pinewood Derby.

Popcorn Pickup Party:

November 20
4177 Paxton Way
8:00 - 11:00 am

Don't miss it!



Our popcorn sale helps fund many of our pack activities, and helps make Scouting affordable for everyone. Did you know that our popcorn sale will help pay for our Space Center and Shark's Tooth Creek trip? Did you know it helps pay for our Blue and Gold banquet? There are many activities we would have to leave out if it weren't for our popcorn proceeds.

Please encourage your Cub to do his part and sell Trail's End popcorn. There are few people who will turn down a Cub Scout in uniform, and especially when he is selling yummy popcorn! The selling experience is good experience for your Cub, teaching him communication skills and how to talk to adults.

Selling tips:

- **Never sell popcorn by yourself.** Only sell in familiar neighborhoods and to people you know.
- **Wear your uniform.** This will open doors for you, and makes people more inclined to buy.
- **Know your products.** People will ask you, "Which one is your favorite?" Have an answer ready, and you will sell more of that selection.
- **Rehearse your "opening line."** For example, "Hello, my name is Jim Smith, and I am a Cub Scout in Pack 776. We are selling popcorn to help fund some of our pack activities. Would you be willing to help our pack by buying some popcorn today?"
 - Collect the money at the time of the sale. This makes delivery easier, because you do not have to collect the money.
 - Know when the popcorn will be delivered, and let your customer know the date.
 - Turn in your order forms on time. Be prepared to pick up your order and deliver it to your customers when it arrives.
 - Don't forget to encourage out-of-town relatives to buy over the internet. Our pack receives credit for every online sale. The popcorn will be delivered to your customer's door and customers can pay with their credit card.
 - Remind people that Cub Scout popcorn makes a great customer appreciation gift. Since many people buy these before the holiday season, this is a great time to be selling popcorn!



To information and to sign up for the Rickwood Caverns Campout: go to www.mysignup.com/2010-pack776-rickwood-campout

Cubmaster's Corner . . . Cubmaster Danny Brooks

Core value of the month: COOPERATION

Cooperation is ...

- teamwork
- working together peacefully



I am a team player when I:

- Listen
- Encourage their friends
- Follow as well as lead
- Recognize their friends' strengths and use them for the common good
- Think before acting
- Communicate calmly

I show cooperation when I ...

- Allow each Cub in a group to have a say
- Try to use everyone's ideas
- Do my fair share of the work on a project
- Pitch in at home doing chores
- Play a team sport and work toward a goal
- Work with my friends to help clean up



I put cooperation into action when I ...

- Happily do what my parents ask me to do
- Play the game my friends want to play even when I would rather do something else
- Help someone by opening a door or helping to carry something
- Always play fair when playing games. Be a good loser
- Invite someone who is alone or "left out" to join my group
- Ask my friends to help me do something to preserve the environment
- Practice good sportsmanship

Pack Meeting

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
6:30 - 7:30 P.M.
LIBERTY PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

GET YOUR POPCORN ORDER FORMS!

Coming in October . . . Kimberly Morgan, Asst. Cubmaster



RESPONSIBILITY: EARTH CONSERVATION

CONSERVATION POSTER CONTEST

Now is the time to practice responsible use of Earth's resources! Create a poster to show us how to reduce, reuse or recycle. Bring conservation posters to be displayed and judged at the October pack meeting. The blue ribbon winner will receive a cool H²O backpack for hiking! Posters will be recycled.

DEN NEWSPAPER RECYCLING COMPETITION

Start collecting newspaper NOW for our October meeting. We will stack papers to see which den can bring in the most. Newspapers will support the VHELP Good Neighbor project and will be used by the Humane Society to line animal cages--a great way to reuse!

WORLD CONSERVATION AWARD

Participation in these projects works toward your World Conservation Award. See your handbook for a complete list of requirements for this patch.



Volunteers Make the Pack Go

“Scouting exposes young men to people and experiences that encourage and nurture positive moral values. But we mustn’t take Scouting for granted. You can do nothing more important for young people today than to ... begin your support of Scouting.”

James A. Lovell
Astronaut and
Commander,
Apollo 13

Because we rely on wonderful volunteers to make our pack events possible, we ask each family to volunteer to help with at least one activity. In addition, we need some very special people to consider taking on an activity as an **activity coordinator**. Activity coordinators are responsible for lining up volunteers, communicating event details to the pack, and making plans for our pack events. The following positions are currently vacant:

- *Veteran’s Day Parade* *November 11*
- *Scouting for Food* *November-December 13 (delivery day)*
- *Geocaching Scavenger Hunt* *December 5*
- *Blue and Gold Banquet* *February 28*
- *Cub Scout Summer Camp* *July 25-29*

To sign up, please go to www1.mysignup.com/2010-pack776-activity-coordinators to sign up today! Don’t be shy, and please don’t wait for us to call you.

Thank you to the people who have already signed up to handle the following events:

- *Popcorn Sale* *Natalie Boughner and Jennifer Harbour*
- *Rickwood Caverns Family Campout* *Danny Brooks and Kimberly Cook*
- *Pinewood Derby* *Jim Berutich and “The Pit Crew”*
- *Space Center Campout* *Allison Miller*
- *Space Derby* *Rob Spiegel*
- *Shark’s Tooth Creek Campout* *Shelly Munger*

Throughout the year there will be many opportunities to engage in your son’s Scouting experience. Be quick to volunteer—you’ll be glad you did!



Please contact our Activities Coordinator, **Shelly Munger** at mungersm@vestavia.k12.al.us, if you have any questions.

Flag Football



Thanks to Cubmaster Brooks along with all the Cubs and parents who came out on a beautiful Sunday afternoon for some flag football, Cub-style.

Teams Blue Devils, Mustangs, Cobras and Rockets reviewed the rules of flag football, practiced some skills, and then put those skills in play, earning the Flag Football belt loop.

Way to go guys!

What our Cubs are Doing...

Tigers

Our Tigers are getting revved up for the new Cub year with some new leaders. Thanks to **Christy Dey**, **Kelly Greiner**, **Laurel Kuehr**, and **Ann Muscolino** for leading our Tigers this year. Upcoming events include Tiger Cub Safari at the Birmingham Zoo. Roooaarr!

Wolves Our Wolves recently got to go to Home Depot for a workshop where they built some useful planters. They are also making plans to participate in an Iron Pour event in December at Sloss Furnace. Snaarrrr!

Bears Thanks to **David and Leanne Harper** for taking on leadership for *all* our Bears this year. Our Bears met recently to work on their flag ceremony and start tackling some achievements towards their Bear Badge. Groooowl!

Webelos Den 2, under leadership of **Mike Swinson**, met in August at the Liberty Park pool to work on their Aquanaut pin. They will be tackling the Fitness pin in September. Webelos from Den 11, under leadership of **Greg Cook**, have completed their Fitness pin, and have started working on their Outdoorsman pin. At their September meeting, they worked on knot-tying skills and learned how to safely build and start a fire, using only flint and steel. Cooking popcorn on the fire was a challenge, but Cubs were not discouraged in spite of some very hot fires and some slightly burned popcorn. Select members from both our Webelos dens helped lead the flag ceremony at the first PTO meeting of the year. At our Rickwood Caverns campout, the Webelos will be cooking and eating their own Dutch oven meal—pizza. Yummm!



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Our pack is chartered by Liberty Park Baptist Church and we are a member of the Greater Alabama Council, Vulcan District.

Cub Scout Motto: Do Your Best

Cub Scout Promise:

*I promise to do my best,
to do my duty to God and my country
To help other people
and to obey the Law of the Pack.*

We're on the Web:
www.sollicito.net/scouts



For your Calendar

Popcorn Sale	September 27 – October 25	
Popcorn Pickup Date	November 20	
	8:00 – 11:00 am	
Tiger Cub Safari	October 3	4177 Paxton Place
Rickwood Caverns Campout	October 9-10	Birmingham Zoo
Pack Committee Meeting	October 18	Warrior, AL
Cub Haunted	October 22-23	Liberty Park Baptist Church
Pack Meeting	October 25	Camp Comer
Veterans Day Parade	November 11	Liberty Park Baptist Church
		Downtown Birmingham



Help us make our newsletter better by submitting an article. Cubs, parents, and leaders are encouraged to contribute. Please email submissions to Kimberly Cook at gcook1868@charter.net.

Sincerely, Kimberly Cook