



STM Cub Scout Pack 542 March Newsletter

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Blue and Gold & Scout Sunday

Thank you to all who planned and volunteered to help at Blue and Gold and Scout Sunday. Both were very successful events. Everyone who attended had a great time with their families!

March Events

March Pack Night

Date: Wednesday, March 20th

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: STM Cafeteria

Description: Disability Awareness: Scouts will participate in hands-on activities teaching them about disabilities. Snack will be provided by the Bears.

Potawatomi Trail Hike

Date: Saturday, March 23

Time: 9:30 am

Location: City West Shelter – Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N 25 E, Chesterton, IN

Description: Hike the dunes with our Pack led by Mr. Schwemlein or hike independently. See attached flyer for further details and RSVP on the Evite link below.

Evite: <http://evite.me/m5qcnV9v31>

Bishop Mass

Date: Sunday March 31st

Time: 2:00 pm Mass (Scouts should arrive at 1:30)

Location: St. Bridget's Church, 107 Main St. Hobart, IN

Description: Each year both the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts who have earned religious emblems or awards are honored at a mass celebrated by Bishop Hying. Scouts who have not earned emblems are welcome to attend as well. This is a great opportunity to connect scouts to our greater Catholic Diocese.

Important Information: Scouts should wear Class A Uniforms. They will meet in the basement before mass (1:30 pm) to allow time to line up for procession. After procession, scouts will sit with their families. Following mass, Bishop Hying graciously stays around for all to have an opportunity for a photograph with him. Families are also asked to bring refreshments to be shared after the mass. These can be dropped off in the basement when you drop off your scout.

Announcements

Committee Changes:

As of February, Mr. Pischner is stepping down as Committee Chair and Nate (Bear) and Nick's (Lions) Dad, Mr. Joe Sinclair, will be taking over. Also, Mr. Ranos is stepping down as Cub Master and will be replaced by Benedict's (Wolves) Dad, Mr. Duane Schwemlein. Pack 542 would like to whole-heartedly thank Mr. Pischner and Mr. Ranos for the time and effort they have put forth for Pack 542. Thankfully, they have promised to still run the Pinewood Derby so will see them around for sure!

April-May Events

April 17th at 6:30 at STM Gymnasium

Crossover Celebration

All Scouts attending will be earning their new rank badges for the year. This Pack Night will unofficially wrap up the award earning for the year. Be sure not to miss the ceremony and celebration afterward. We plan to have Cake provided by the Webelos.

May 22nd At 6:30 at STM Gymnasium

Rain Gutter Regatta and Cookout

Scouts will build small boats and race them in "rain gutters". Awards will be given to race winners.

Check out an example here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A-u4CprzH-8>

We will end our scouting year with a hotdog cookout.

Summer Events

Munster Fourth of July Parade:

This summer we would like to increase our Pack involvement with the Town of Munster Fourth of July Parade. Our current plan is to get together and work to create the float on the right. Please watch your email closer to the end of the school for an Evite gauging interest in involvement. Parade starts at 2 pm on July 4th.



Camp Betz Family Camp

Camp Betz is a Cub Scout Camp located in Berrien Springs, MI. Our very own Mr. Pischner and Mr. Ranos run this fun family weekend camp. Families arrive Friday night and set up camp, wake to breakfast Saturday morning with all day activities including boating, archery, crafts, and theme centered games. The day ends with a campfire and S'mores. Sunday, families wake to another breakfast to fuel breaking down camp. You can make the personal choice to camp just one night or just come for Saturday's activities (no cost discount). Camp Betz Family Camp is a fun way to spend time with your family and a great way to learn to camp if you are not familiar.

To get a feel for what Camp Betz is like, see the Facebook page:

https://www.facebook.com/pg/CampBetz/photos/?ref=page_internal

There are four weekends available. Pack 542 will designate a weekend for our Pack. Please watch out for details. We are still coordinating. You are free to go any weekend that works for you. See attached flyer for more information.

Pool Party with Elliot Elementary Pack 236

Mr. Schwemlein will be coordinating a pool party with our neighboring pack for Elliot Elementary School. Please watch your email for details when they become available.

Cub Scout Day Camp

See flyer attached for information on a great day camp. There are several different date/day options. Before and after care available too.

2019 Potawatomi Trail Hike Information



Overview

The Potawatomi Trail Hike is an annual Pathways to Adventure Council event where Scouts from around the area and their families can hike the trails at Indiana Dunes State Park. In past years, there have been up to 1,200 attendees. Scouts and families can hike as much or as little as they like. Hike all the trails or just enjoy the park. This is a great way to see other scouts in the area and see a ecological wonder in our area. This event can be used for hiking requirements for Cub Scouts.

Our pack will be led by Mr. Schwemlein, our new Cubmaster. If you are walking with Mr. Schwemlein, please meet him at the at 9:00 at the Campout Shelter. Directions to the Campout Shelter will be sent closer to the hike. (You will still need to pay for parking and the \$5 patch fee if you want the patch.) Scouts walking with Mr. Schwemlein will take a 3 mile hike along the scenic boardwalk and up Mt. Tom using a combination of trails and stairs. The hike will finish back at the shelter. Mr. Schwemlein will be providing light snacks after the hike for all attending. Please RSVP to the Evite page below if you are walking with Pack 542.

Evite Link: <http://evite.me/m5qcnV9v31>

You may also hike independent of our Pack. If you are walking independently, follow the information below

Date: Saturday, March 23, 2019

Location: City West Shelter - Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N 25 E, Chesterton, IN

Park Map: https://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/files/dunes_trail.pdf

Registration and Cost: Registration begins at 9:30 A.M. - \$5 for patch (\$5/person if they want the patch, otherwise there is no charge)

EACH Vehicle will need to pay State Park Entry Fee \$7 - IN \$12 - IL resident

Concessions: Snacks and lunch can be purchased





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FAMILY CAMP

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY TO CAMP FRANK S. BETZ!

Family Camp introduces your Cub Scout to the overnight camping experience with the comfort of their family or den, and can serve as an exciting addition to your pack's program! Come out and experience the fun and excitement of camping combined with innovative programs that are sure to create lasting memories for your Scouting family.

Camp Betz sits on the banks of the stunning St. Joseph River. This extremely scenic property is complete with shooting sports, a craft pavilion, dining hall, and a waterfront perfect for swimming and boating.

Camp Frank S. Betz is a 57-acre preserve that has been in continuous service since 1922. It contains a variety of terrain and rugged topography. Camp Betz offers beautiful wooded campsites for tent camping. Flush toilets and showers are available. You must provide your own family tent and camping equipment.

Archery, B.B guns, STEM activities, Swimming, Boating, Skits & Songs, Campfires and much more!



Register now at: www.CubScoutCamping.org

Contact Cub Camping Director at (630) 487 3282 or at PTAC.CubCamping@Scouting.org.

2019 CAMP DATES

Session I	June 28–30
Session II	July 12–14
Session III	July 19–21
Session IV	July 26–28
Session V	August 2–4

2019 CAMP FEES

Scout/ Sibling	\$75
<i>*If paid in full by June 1, 2019</i>	
	\$85
<i>*If paid after June 1, 2019.</i>	
Adult	\$35
<i>*If paid in full by June 1, 2019.</i>	
	\$45
<i>*If paid after June 1, 2019.</i>	

Camperships Available!

Registration will close one week prior to camp date.



CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP

ARCHERY • FIELD GAMES • CRAFTS • BB GUNS • SCIENCE • AND MORE!

Can you survive our Jungle Adventure?

Open to youth entering 1st through 5th grade in Fall 2019.



Day Camp allows you to spend a few days doing fun and meaningful outdoor activities with your Scout at a location near you! Our program is specifically aimed at Tiger, Wolf and Bear Cub Scouts. Participants do not stay overnight. Camp hours vary by location but run approximately 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily. New this year, we will offer before and after care for an additional fee at our five day locations.

**BB shooting not available at all locations.*

All pre-registered participants receive a patch and t-shirt!

2019 Weeklong Dates and Locations

June 17–June 21: Burr Ridge
June 24–June 28: All Saints Cathedral (near Rosemont)
July 8–July 12: Christ Evangelical Church, Orland Park, IL
July 15–July 19: Our Saviour's Methodist Church, Schaumburg
July 22–July 26: Merrillville

2019 Saturday Camp Dates and Locations

June 8: Archer Park, Chicago
June 15: Deer Grove East, Palatine
June 29: Izaak Walton Forest Preserve, Homewood, IL
July 20: Thatcher Woods, Riverforest, IL

**Visit the website for location information.*

2019 Camp Fees

Weeklong Camp	\$135 if paid by May 31, 2019 \$150 if paid after May 31, 2019
Saturday Camp	\$25 if paid by May 31, 2019 \$35 if paid after May 31, 2019
Before Care (7:00-8:30am)	\$10/ day \$40/ week
After Care (3:45-6:00pm)	\$10/ day \$40/ week
Before & After Care	\$15/ day \$70/ week
Adults	\$7 *Includes t-shirt

Camperships Available!



Register now! Please visit <http://pathwaytoadventure.org/camping/cubscouts>

Contact the Cub Camping Director at (630) 487-3282 or at PTAC.CubCamping@Scouting.org.



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