

Cub Scout Pack 30 Newsletter

October 2008

October Cub Scout Theme: "Adventures in Books"

What great adventures come in books? Let's discover some this month. Visit the library and learn to navigate your way through the "card catalog computer," down the aisles of many adventures, and to an adventure of your own choice. Sign up for your library card while on your visit. Create your own outdoor epic adventure on a hike, campout, or maybe at a ball field or park. Make a costume for one of the characters from your favorite story. At the pack meeting the boys can perform some of their favorite stories and share some of their adventures with the pack. Take part in Pedro's "Say Yes to Reading" program in Boy's Life. This might also be a good month to work on the [Communicating](#) or [Computers](#) belt loop and pin. Encourage the boys to have the courage to search for, discover, and share adventure this month.

New Web Site!

Thanks to Paul Jackson for creating and hosting Pack 30's first dedicated web site, www.lapack30.com! Please visit and sign up to access expanded features such as viewing photos and information, and downloading forms. Paul has already posted the September Newsletter and the Percy Quin Campout Registration Form, in addition to some photos and other useful information. This is a quality website and a superior effort in volunteerism!

Percy Quin Oct 10-12

Many have eagerly anticipated our return to Percy Quin! We will be planning for lots of fun in the woods, including smores around the campfire, a Pack Meeting, cooking, hiking, and tent trick-or-treating on Saturday night. A list of what to bring is included with this Newsletter, along with directions.

I encourage everyone to plan for decorating their vehicle or tent site on Saturday night. Last year everyone had a great time trick or treating and checking out all the really cool decorations. There are now battery-powered lights you can string up for your displays! And don't forget the candy!

Meridian Amtrak Trip

We didn't have many folks from our Pack sign up for this, but Lynda Deblanc's Pack will be bringing over 60 people (what do they know that we don't?!). Now we are past deadline for a group ticket rate. But there is still time to get tickets on your own. If you are interested, you can check out the Meridian attachment with this Email or you can call me and I will tell you what fun you can have there. I went last year and am returning this year. I already have my family's tickets!

Pack Dues are DUE!

If you have not yet sent in your Pack dues, please do so now. The yearly Pack dues amount is \$80 and includes registration in the Council, insurance and a year's subscription to Boy's Life. Please send (checks only please, no cash) to the school office - "Cub Scout Box", attention: Rhonda". Your Pack dues cover your Scout for most activities during the year (entry fees, awards, food at campouts, etc.). The funds raised by our Pancake Breakfast will affect the number of activities we can do and costs we can cover.

Den dues are collected separately by each Den leader and cover Den activities only.

New Scouts!

Everyone please welcome Jane Eiermann and her 8 new Tiger Cubs to our Pack! We also have 2 new Wolves and 1 new Bear this year. They will be formally introduced at our Percy Quin Campout, so say hello and make them feel part of the Pack!

Parent's Meeting

Parent's Meetings are a great way to find out what's going on in the Pack and to provide insight and communication (get your voice heard!). We need AT LEAST ONE parent from each den to attend - the more parents that attend, the better the meeting.

Our next Parent's Meeting will primarily focus on planning and preparations for Percy Quin and the November Pancake Breakfast. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend these planning and informational meetings.

Next Parents Meeting: October 2nd, 7:30 pm
Annex Board Room

Achievements

Den Leaders/Den Achievement Coordinators: Get your list of achievements earned over the summer (by Scout) and purchase at the Scout Shop, by the first week of October. We would like to give out awards at the October Percy Quin Pack Meeting. Remember, you will be held to your budget set forth at our first Parent's Meeting!

Den Leaders

In order to Re-Charter our Pack in December, I will need the physical addresses, Email addresses and phone numbers of all of your Den parents. I have sent you an Excel template so that you can provide this to me in a uniform format. Please get this info back to me in November, as soon as your Den is settled.

Scout Mass

Next Scout Mass: Oct. 12th, Percy Quin
For those not attending Percy Quin: 9:30 am @ St. Angela
(please line up @ 9:15)

Pack Meeting

Our Next Pack Meeting will be held at the Percy Quin Campout. Please wear your uniform for photos, as achievements will be given out!

October/November Events

October 2, Thursday @ 7:30pm	Parents Meeting – Annex Board Room
October 4-5, Saturday/Sunday 9-6	LASTA Steam Train and Bluegrass Festival, Audubon Zoo
October 10-12 Fri-Sun	Percy Quin Campout, Pack Meeting and Trick-or-Treat (Early Dismissal)
October 12, Sunday @9:30am	Scout Mass for those not at Percy Quin – Line up by the St. Angela Statue @ 9:15 am please.
November 1, Saturday	Amtrak to Meridian for Railroad and Soule Steam Festival (for those that signed up). Individual tickets still for sale through Amtrak. See website or contact Bill Hamblin for details
November 6 th , Thursday @ 7:30pm	Parents Meeting– Annex Board Room
November 9 th , Sunday @ 9:30am	Scout Mass (donuts afterwards in the Gym) – Line up by the St. Angela Statue @ 9:15 am please.
November 16 th , Sunday 9am-12:30pm	Pancake Breakfast – Everyone is expected to help!

What to Bring on a Campout:

(If you don't, you'll wish you did)

Tent

Air mattress (and air pump) or cot

Blankets or sleeping bag

Bug repellent

Sunscreen

Lantern

Tarp for insulation under tent

Mallet/pliers for tent stakes

Toilet paper

Paper towels or wipes

Whisk broom and dustpan (for cleaning out tent)

Change of clothes (weather appropriate)

Extra shoes and socks (one set will probably get wet)

Wash cloths/soap/toothpaste/toothbrush

Pillows

**Flashlight and extra
batteries**

First aid kit

Trash bags

Whistle for kids (safety)

Sunglasses

Medication

Rain gear

Optional:

(Nice to have)

Snacks

Bikes

Camera

Drinks

Chairs

****The Pack will be cooking meals at an affordable cost.**

Participation in the preparation, consumption and cleanup is a wonderful fellowship activity.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

No alcoholic beverages are allowed at any scout event. Your child/scout's safety and membership depends on this. Pack 30's charter and St. Angela Merici Parish & School's support is also at stake.