

The Newsletter of Packs 162 & 47

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November Pack Meeting – Our November Pack meeting will be on Friday, November 21st at 7:30pm in the SFX Cafeteria. One highlight of this meeting will be a Bobcat Ceremony for the new scouts in the Pack. The Bobcat badge is the first rank earned by every boy in Cub Scouting. We would like the new scouts to get the Bobcat badge at this meeting so practice the Bobcat Trail and please be in uniform at the meeting.

The following people signed up to bring refreshments and snacks to the Pack meeting: ***Isabelle Lombardi, Lisa Vazquez, Joe Radice, Raul San Pascual, Glen Mohan, Anthony Blair, and Selina Harman.*** Thank you for helping out with this important part of our meeting – the scouts certainly appreciate it. A sign-up will be available at the den meetings for those interested in contributing at future Pack meetings.



Congratulations Corner – ***Artie Behrendt*** was blessed with a grandson born at 10:49am on Tuesday, October 28th. ***Kevin Joseph Behrendt*** tipped the scales at 7 pounds 14 ounces and was 21 inches long at birth. We congratulate Artie's son Eric and his wife Eileen and look forward to seeing photos of this future Eagle Scout.



Upcoming Calendar – always check Pack website www.bsa162.com for the latest updates:

- Friday, November 7 – Grandma's Pies fundraiser begins
- Friday, November 14 – Den Meeting at 7:30pm
- Friday, November 21 – Grandma's Pies fundraiser ends
- Friday, November 21 – Pack Meeting at 7:30pm in SFX Cafeteria
- Saturday, November 22 – Pack Hike and Campfire at Camp Alpine – leave from SFX Gym at 9am
- Friday, December 5 – Den Meeting at 7:30pm (note: this is night of SFX Christmas show but there will be a meeting for those scouts that are not in the show)
- Friday, December 12 – Den Meeting at 7:30pm

- Saturday, December 13 – Pack Food Drive
- Friday, December 19 – Pack Meeting at 7:30pm in SFX Cafeteria
- Friday, December 26 – No Meeting



Happy Veterans Day – Veterans Day was Tuesday, November 11th. We wish to thank the veterans in our Pack, ***Chris Denner and Linda Cahill***, and all veterans that have served or are currently serving in the American Armed Forces. May God bless our veterans – please keep them in your thoughts.

Medical Form – A Class 1 Medical form is attached to this newsletter. This form is sometimes needed for short trips that the Pack takes to BSA facilities such as Camp Alpine – it is required if the scouts swim or use the climbing wall. The forms do not require a doctor’s certification and only requires physician’s name, insurance information and emergency contacts. Please fill out the form and return to Sean Cahill – they will be kept on file and brought on any trip that we take.



October Pack Meeting Recap - Our October Pack Meeting was on Friday, October 17th. This Pack Meeting featured a crossing-over ceremony for the Webelos that have moved up to Boy Scout Troop 162 this year. The following scouts “crossed the bridge” to join Troop 162 and exchanged their Webelos neckerchief for the Boy Scouts neckerchief: ***Gregory Rico, Daniel Weitsman, Nigel Green, Adam Israfil, Paul Febles, and Elijah Mohan***. In addition, Gregory, Daniel and Nigel earned the Arrow of Light - the highest possible badge that may be earned by the Webelos and the only badge from Cub Scouting that can be worn on the Boy Scouts uniform. We congratulate them for all their hard work and great achievements with the Pack and wish them the best with the Troop. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the Boy Scouts did the “Pizza Man” skit – a real crowd pleaser!

The Pack gave each graduating scout a Boy Scout Coin with the inscription:

*A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly,
Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful,
Thrifty, Brave, Clean, Reverent.*

We know our Scouts are!



Columbus Day Parade Recap – the Pack marched proudly in The Bronx County Columbus Day Parade on Sunday, October 12th on Morris Park Ave. We started at Morris Park Ave/White Plains Rd and marched all the way to the viewing stand at Williamsbridge Rd/Lydig Ave – once the scouts got to the viewing stand, they dazzled the crowd with the Pack cheer. The scouts were treated to

pizza afterwards at Captains Pizzeria. Thanks to **Thomas Maher, Giulio Priore, Brian Manfredonia, Aiden Manfredonia, James Cahill, Michael Radice, Tristan Culhane and Jareth Culhane** for marching – each scout was given a Service Award Certificate at the October Pack meeting. Marching behind the Pack were Boy Scouts from Troop 162 – thanks to **Gregory Rico, Anthony Puleo, Stephen Lupo, David Giancaspro, Mark Schoenstein and Adam Schoenstein** for marching with the Pack. We hope to see more scouts from the Pack join us for next year’s parade.

The Pack 162 Cheer

*We are Pack 162,
there is nothing we can't do;
we hike, we camp, we orienteer,
there is nothing we do fear!*



Registration Fees Reminder – the registration fee for each scout (either new or returning) is \$50 and is now due. The fee can be paid by cash or check (please make payable to “BSA Pack 162”). All new scouts must also turn in an application. Please give any payments and applications to Artie or Sean.



Beltloop&Pin Program in Academics & Sports - The Beltloop&Pin program is an optional program for all Cub Scouts - it is not part of the normal requirements towards ranks. Its purpose is to assist the Scouts in learning a new skill, or improving one they already possess. Scouts who participate can earn a nice beltloop or pin. To apply, please see Sean - forms are available for the following categories:

Academics: Art, Astronomy, Chess, Citizenship, Collecting, Communicating, Computers, Language and Culture, Geography, Geology, Heritages, Map and Compass, Mathematics, Music, Science, Weather, and Wildlife Conservation

Sports: Badminton, Baseball, Basketball, Bicycling, Bowling, Fishing, Flag Football, Golf, Gymnastics, Ice Skating, Marbles, Physical Fitness, Roller Skating, Snow Ski and Board Sports, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, Ultimate, Volleyball

Fundraiser Update – Our Pack and Boy Scout Troop 162 have joined together to do a Grandma’s pie fundraiser this year. David Giancaspro, the Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 162, is organizing the fundraiser and needs an order of at least 300 pies total for the order to be accepted by the company. The fundraiser ends on Friday, November 21st and all participants must turn-in their order forms and a check (no cash, please) made out to “BSA Pack 162” for the total amount sold. The pies will be delivered to us frozen sometime in December – the exact delivery date will be announced at an upcoming meeting. All Scouts are expected to participate in the fundraiser and sell at least 10 pies – if you do not participate in the fundraiser, you will be asked to contribute \$75 to the Pack

fund. We think the Cub Scouts will enjoy selling (and eating) the pies and will take pride in supporting their Pack. This fundraiser is needed to supplement the funds that the Pack makes during registration – a portion of which goes to Boy Scouts of America.



Pack Hike – The Pack Hike and Campfire on Saturday, November 8th was rained out. We will not let rain stop our scouts from enjoying the great outdoors so it has been rescheduled for Saturday, November 22nd. We will meet at 9am in front of the SFX gym – please refer to the original flyer for details such as to bring a bag lunch and food for dinner that can be cooked over an open fire (“foil cooking”). A sign-up sheet will be available at the November 21st Pack meeting.

Pack Food Drive – This year’s Pack Food Drive will be on Saturday, December 13th. The Annual Pack Food Drive is organized by **Angela and Rob Rico** and all food donations are delivered to the 49th Precinct for needy families in the community. It is a great opportunity for cub scouts to earn a citizenship belt loop for service in their community. A flyer will be distributed and a sign-up sheet will be available at an upcoming meeting.



Apple Picking at Masker Orchards Recap - We had a great turnout at Masker Orchards on Sunday, October 13th. The weather was beautiful and the apples looked delicious waiting to be picked from the trees. We set the scouts loose and they came back with enough apples to keep us busy cooking them and eating them for the next few weeks. We had the scouts write what they liked about the trip and here is what they said: *During apple picking, I had fun with my family ... Most of the apples were pretty good ... I like apple picking because it is so cool ... My dad helped me ... I had fun riding a mule ... I had fun playing hot apple ... I had fun when I went in the haunted house ... I had an excellent time with my brother and the rest of the boy scouts ... After the fun, we took a trip home waiting for the tasty sweetness. But remember, don’t eat too much or you’ll get a stomach ache ... Can we go again?* Absolutely yes!



Pack Website – thanks to our webmaster wizard **Rob Rico**, our Pack website is chock full of important news which is only a mouse click away, please be sure to visit at least once a day! Please send all website contributions to Rob at robertjrjico@aol.com

Newsletter Contributions – although we can get computers to do amazing things, the newsletter can’t write itself! We need you to contribute – please tell us about something your scout has done. Also, any pictures you take during pack events are always welcome

and will be included in the newsletter. Send all contributions to Sean Cahill via email at cahill@aecom.yu.edu

Pictures from Columbus Day Parade, Apple Picking and Graduation Ceremony

Thank you *Linda Cahill, Giulio Priore and Rob Rico* for providing pictures:



