

## **Pack 618 Parents:**

Although more details will be forthcoming, please note the following events for calendar planning purposes:

1. **Spring Campout:** 30 MAY- 1 JUN, Washington Monument Park
2. **National Pike District Cub Scout Day Camp:** 23-27 JUN, Howard County Fairgrounds

## **March Pack and Leader Meetings:**

### **1. Roundtable – 10 MAR @ 7:30 pm - Columbia Academy**

POC: Ken Ross

- All scout parents and leaders are welcome to attend
- Breakout sessions will cover the April theme: “Aabracadabra”

### **2. Leaders meeting – 13 MAR @ 7:00 pm – CCES, Pod 3**

POC: David Hall

- We need all den leaders & committee chairpersons to attend this meeting so we can coordinate the short and long-term schedule.

### **3. Pack Meeting – 26 MAR @ 7:00 pm – CCES Cafeteria**

Meeting POC: Den 5—Tigers (Emmy Medina/Rose Silverstein)

The theme of the month for March is “Litter to Glitter”. Emmy and Rose have come up with a fun activity for the Scouts that will also teach a good lesson.

## **Short Term Calendar (MAR & APR)**

### **1. Scouting For Food Pickup: MAR 1 @ 10:00 am CCES Parking Lot**

POC: David Hall

### **2. Pack Swim Outing: 13 APR @ TBA, Columbia Gym**

POC: Emad Elshafei

- Scouts will have exclusive use of the pool and can also earn the swimming belt loop

### **3. Pack Bike Hike: 26 APR @ 11:00 am – 2:00 pm – Start Point: Lake Elkhorn**

POC: Jason Carlesi

- We plan on doing a community service project to kick off this bike hike. We will then ride from Lake Elkhorn to Savage Mill and back. We will make arrangements for our younger scouts to return by vehicle.
- Scouts should bring their lunch and drink for the hike.
- Please let your den leader know if you and your scout will participate in this event.

### **3. Pushcart Derby: Date and Time TBA**

POC: Mike Kavka  
- Further details coming soon.

## Long Term Calendar (MAY & JUN)

**1. We Remember: 23 MAY** – Baltimore National Cemetery, Catonsville 5:30-7:30 PM

POC: **Volunteer Requested**

- Join hundreds of fellow Baltimore Area Council scouts for the 21<sup>st</sup> annual flag planting and remembrance ceremony honoring our country's veterans and current military.

**2. Spring Camp Out: 30 MAY—1 JUN** – Washington Monument Park, MD

POC: Victor Frazier

- In Washington County, four miles east of Boonsboro and 1 1/2 miles north of Alternate Route 40 on Monument Road, Washington Monument State Park is named for the first monument in the country erected to the "father of our country," George Washington. A rugged stone tower was dedicated to the first president by the citizens of Boonsboro in 1827. Washington traveled through Western Maryland in his early years as a surveyor. The Appalachian Trail winds through this park and passes the base of the monument. For further details:

[www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/western/washington.html](http://www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/western/washington.html)

**4. Cub Scout Day Camp: 23-27 JUN** – Howard County Fairgrounds

POC: **Volunteer Requested**

- More details will be announced as the event nears, or visit the official website: [www.npdaycamp.com](http://www.npdaycamp.com)

## Volunteer Requests/Open Positions

**1. Community Service Representative: Immediate**

POC for details: Cheryl Gramling

Estimated time commitment: 1 hour monthly primarily ensuring assigned den provides coverage for Market Day as well as Spring and Fall cleanup of CCES stream, etc.

**2. Recruitment/Back to School Night: AUG 08**

POC for details: Cheryl Gramling

Estimated time commitment: several hours at beginning of the school year to promote P618 to interested families.

**3. Cub Scout Day Camp Coordinator: Immediate**

POC for details: Beth Sheppard

Estimated time commitment: several hours in MAR and APR '08 to coordinate scout registration and recruit adult volunteers for JUN 23-28 event.

David Hall

Cubmaster, P618

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## A few words about Leadership...

I just wanted to take a minute to say a few words about the importance of demonstrating and teaching leadership skills to the Scouts. Our Pack is very fortunate in that we have many adults that have stepped up and taken on leadership roles. The most visible are the den leaders and Cubmasters, who do an outstanding job teaching the boys valuable lessons while engaging in fun activities. Additionally, there are parents that have taken leadership roles that are more “behind the scenes”, but extremely important to the operation of the Pack.

It's a fact that leadership skills are a learned trait. In every walk of life, many of our true leaders are former Scouts. Scouting is all about teaching young boys, who all too quickly grow into young men, how to be good leaders. It all starts with parents who teach their boys good values at home and understand that Cub Scouting is a great first step in building leadership skills.

**There's no better way to teach those skills to your son than to let him see YOU as a leader.** You are his primary role-model, so if he sees you step into a leadership role, and if you let him participate in that role, he will learn invaluable lessons in leadership. Leading by example is probably the most effective means to teach children to become leaders.

We have opportunities for our Pack families to take on leadership roles within the pack. These include positions within individual dens, the Pack's Leadership Committee, and organizing Pack activities. The time commitments vary, but none are overwhelming by any means.

In the weeks and months ahead, our den leaders and other leaders will be approaching individuals within the Pack to take on responsibilities that will help to make our Pack stronger.

I know that for some parents, taking on more responsibilities is difficult. I want to assure you though, that you won't be left to "figure it out" on your own. We have a number of leaders who will help you and guide you through whatever tasks you take on, whether it be at the Den or Pack levels.

For those of you that are currently in leadership roles, thank you for making our Pack stronger. The boys certainly all benefit from your commitment and skills. For those that would like to take on a leadership role, please feel free to contact any of the Den leaders, Cubmasters or myself.

Thank you,

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