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Pack 53 Rocks Community Service!

We have several upcoming community service events scheduled that won't cost you a thing (other than a little time and some effort)!

On Sunday, October 25th, Pack 53 will be participating in the Auburn Crop Walk. This annual charity walk raises funds to combat hunger worldwide. Scouts who participate are asked to raise funds by obtaining sponsors and pledges in advance, or by paying a regis-

tration fee the day of.

While trick-or-treating for candy this year, Scouts can also choose to trick-or-treat for Unicef as well. Scouts are asked to redeem the coins they collect at any Coinstar location and provide the receipt to Mrs. John for credit.

We're looking for volunteers to assist with yard clean-ups for elderly residents of our local community. Please sign up if



you're available to help out on our scheduled date of Sunday, November 8th.

And, don't forget our monthly dates at the food pantry!

Of Popcorn and Pies

The annual BSA fundraiser sale of Trail's End popcorn got off to a rousing start at our Sept. Pack meeting when last year's top seller, Cameron Ganong, was awarded

the honor of tossing the first "pie" of popcorn season at Cubmaster Scott.

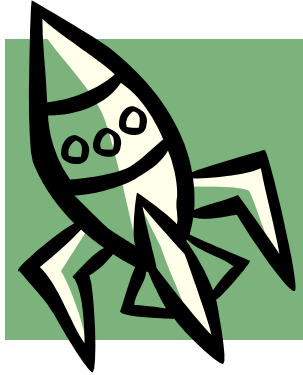
We can't wait to see which Scout is in the lead for sales at the October meeting and will

have the opportunity to toss this month's pie!

Please remember all order forms and money must be returned to your Den Leader the last week of October.

What a way to blast into a new year!

Thanks to everyone who attended the Sept. Pack meeting! We realize our temporary meeting space at Pakachoag Church provided us with a few challenges in terms of space; but we got an awful lot covered that evening and are grateful to Pakachoag Church for providing us with free space on



such short notice.

We had so many exciting things happen at the September Pack meeting: lots of Cubs who received awards, eight new Pack members, the kick off to both our Pack year and the Popcorn Sale, and Cubmaster Scott wearing the latest

in cream pie fashions.

From the Scouts' perspective, however, all of that probably pales in comparison to making and launching the water rockets.

Our extra special thanks to Mr. Whitney and the cadets from the Civilian Air Defense for running an activity that was so much fun (and educational too)!

Don't Miss The Spook-o-ree

This annual event is open to all Cub Scouts in the Quinsigamond District and their families.

The cost is \$7 for each Scout and sibling—adults are free.

The fee covers candy, tokens and prizes, juice and popcorn. Scouts will also receive a patch.

Kids and adults are welcome to attend in costume. Each child must have an adult responsible for them. A flash-light and trick-or-treat bag are required for each kid.

Families will travel a Spooky Neighborhood with stops along



the way for storytelling, a campfire, a spooky graveyard walk, face painting, cider, donuts, and many games of fun and skill.

Families who wish to participate must sign up and prepay at the October Pack meeting.

Pack Popcorn Sale Goals



Just a reminder—

This year, the Pack Committee has challenged Pack 53 to meet any two of these three goals:

1. 100% participation (every

Scout sells at least one unit)

2. Every Scout sells at least 4 units
3. Total Pack sales of at least \$5,000

If successful, the Pack will be treated to a special surprise event

this winter!

Don't forget—10% of the profits the Pack receives from each Scout's sales will be set aside in their "Cub Bucks" accounts which can be used to pay for Pack overnights, events, or summer camp at Treasure Valley.

Pack 53 Events Calendar

Most events require advance sign-up. Please inquire at the information table at each Pack meeting.

*** = Community Service event**

October

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| 16 | Friday 6:30 PM | October Pack Meeting Faith Baptist Church | Our annual Halloween Party! Prizes for best costumes in multiple categories, including sibling and adult costumes. |
| 18 | Sunday Noon—2 PM | A Picnic at Purgatory Pack Family Event Purgatory Chasm, Sutton | Pack a picnic and bring the family for an afternoon outing at the chasm. Free event for the whole family! |
| 20 | Tuesday 6—7 PM | Pumpkin Drop Off Faith Baptist Church Parking Lot | Please return your carved pumpkins to Mr. Keyes during this hour, or deliver them to his house at 34 Pioneer Lane anytime that day. Thank you. |
| 24 | Saturday 10 AM—Noon | Food Pantry* St. Spyridon Orthodox Church Worcester | Wolf Den is scheduled, but any assistance is appreciated. Please wear full uniform. |
| 24 | Saturday 3—8 PM | Spook-o-ree! Annual Cub Scout Event Treasure Valley, Rutland | Advance sign-up and payment required. See page 2 for complete information. |
| 24 | Saturday Noon—9 PM | Pumpkinfest at the Ecotarium Worcester | 1500 lighted, carved pumpkins on display, train ride, hay ride, museum access and entertainment. Check out Pack 53's display of carved pumpkins! |
| 25 | Sunday 1 PM | Crop Walk* Auburn Youth and Family Services | Annual charity walk. Registration begins at 12:45. Please wear full uniforms. Please sign-up and take a pledge sheet if you intend to participate. |
| 31 | Saturday | Trick-or-Treat for Unicef* | Pick up a Unicef box at the October Pack meeting and ask your neighbors for more than just candy this year. |

November

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| 1 | Sunday Time TBD | Hike for all Webelos Rutland, MA | Special guided hike for all Webelos around the old prison camp |
| 8 | Sunday 1 PM | Residential Clean-Ups* In Town | Annual community service event doing raking and fall clean up for some of our neighbors in need |
| 13 | Friday 6 PM | Pack Overnight Location TBA | Have an early dinner, grab your tent and sleeping bags and join us around the campfire for the last camping overnight before winter. |
| 15 | Sunday 1 PM—4 PM | Coco Key Water Park Fitchburg, MA | A great new Pack outing for the entire family. Kids \$15, Adults \$10 |
| 20 | Friday 6:30 PM | November Pack Meeting* Faith Baptist Church | Don't forget to bring your food donations for the Thanksgiving food boxes for AYFS. Please wear full uniforms. |
| 28 | Saturday 10 AM—Noon | Food Pantry* St. Spyridon Orthodox Church Worcester | Webelos I Den is scheduled. Work off those leftovers by spending a few hours working at the Food Pantry. Please wear full uniform. |

December

We don't have firm details to announce yet, but in December there will also be a Pack trip to see the holiday lights at La Sallette Shrine in Attleboro, MA, and two community service events—Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army Kettle Campaign and Christmas Caroling for local seniors.

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| 18 | Friday 6:30 | December Pack Meeting* Faith Baptist Church | Includes our yearly collection of donations of holiday gifts for Nazareth Home. |
| 26 | Saturday 10 AM—Noon | Food Pantry* St. Spyridon Orthodox Church Worcester | Work off those leftovers by spending a few hours working at the Food Pantry. Please wear full uniform. |

January

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| 17 | Sunday 1 PM | Annual Snowbox Derby Lemansky Park, Auburn | Come and race a sled you design and make yourself from cardboard. Compete for longest distance and best design. |
| 22 | Friday 6:30 PM | January Pack Meeting Faith Baptist Church | |
| 23 & 24 | Saturday & Sunday 10A-8P / 10A-4P | New England Scout Show DCU Center, Worcester | Join the other 8,000 anticipated attendees to celebrate 100 years of Scouting. Booths, vendors and exhibits to explore. Consider helping to staff the Pack 53 booth. |