

CUB TALK

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Snowbox!

Pack 53 rocked the big hill at Lemansky Park this past Sunday with the annual Snowbox Derby!

The Scouts' homemade cardboard sleds of all sizes, shapes, and designs covered the hillside and provided much entertainment.

THANKS DADS!

Of course, the big question of the day was would there be enough snow for the event to be a go? Setting a great example of Cub Scout ingenuity and "can do" attitude, the dads started the event by shoveling and toting snow to the top of the hill to cover the bare spots. Their work was not done however, as they continued to labor throughout the event by helping Scouts and siblings onto their sleds and giving those all important big pushes! I'm still not sure what was more exciting: watching the sleds come down the hill, or watching the dads to see if they'd come down the hill as well.

More pictures from this event can be found on page 4.



Snowbox Derby Winners

The winners of the annual Snowbox Derby are pictured above, holding their coveted trophies!

Alex Whitney, first place

Kyle Greenwood, third place

Mark John, second place

From left to right:

Many thanks to Mrs. Keyes for making the great trophies!!!

Joshua Anderson, most creative sled design



AND ALL THE TROOPS AT SEA Joshua shows off the aircraft carrier design that won him the award for most creative sled design.



IT'S A PUZZLER! Peter Dudko's Rubik's Cube Sled



RYAN'S EXPESSES Ryan, you're supposed to ride it, not take it for a walk!

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Blue and Gold - we've got a lot to celebrate this year



A crowd shot from last year's Blue and Gold Banquet

THE ANNUAL BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET IS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Mark your calendars now so that you don't miss this wonderful yearly event, which takes the place of our February Pack meeting. We'll be at the Auburn Elks again this year where we will enjoy a meal, witness the "super-sized" awards ceremony, and enjoy entertainment provided by the Dens.

Because this year is the 100th anniversary of the BSA, our celebration of Scouting's birthday gets some extra oomph this year with the inclusion of the Cake Bake contest. Each Scout should bake and decorate a cake with the assistance of their dad, or another adult male. Female help (even for cleaning up!) is not allowed. There are only two theme categories for cakes this year: Birthday and Scouting. And remember, all decorations on your cakes must be edible. Special celebrity judges will determine the winning cakes.

The banquet starts at 6:00 p.m. on the 8th and, because it's a school night, we'll try to keep things moving so that we're done by 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 each with a family maximum of \$15. Extended family members and friends are welcome to attend and look for some special guests from the community in attendance that evening.

PACK 53 EVENT CALENDAR

JANUARY

Saturday & Sunday 23 & 24	Scouting Event	New England Scout Show @ the DCU center 10A-8P / 11A-4P	Join the other 8,000 anticipated attendees to celebrate 100 years of Scouting. Booths, vendors and exhibits to explore. Please help staff the Pack 53 booth.
Saturday 23	Community Service	Food Pantry 10 a.m. - Noon St. Spyridon's Church, Worcester	All volunteers are welcome! Please wear full uniforms.
Sunday 31	Pack Event	Scout Sunday 11:00 a.m. Faith Baptist Church	Attend worship service at FBC and celebrate scouting and our chartering organization. Please wear full uniforms and arrive at 10:45

FEBRUARY

Sunday 7	Pack Event Free!	Ice Fishing Derby 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Dark Brook Reservoir	Come out to the pond and experience ice fishing! All equipment provided. Scouts should dress warmly and wear winter boots.
Monday 8	Pack Meeting	February Pack Meeting 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Auburn Elks	Our annual Blue & Gold Banquet celebrating the birthday of Scouting. We'll hold our annual cake bake contest this evening - 2 categories this year: birthday or scouting.
Saturday 13	Community Service	Annual Pack Can & Bottle Drive 10 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Auburn Fire Station	Earn community service while earning funds for the Pack & helping to recycle. Dress weather appropriately.
Monday 22	Committee Meeting	February Meeting 6:30 p.m. Room 205 at FBC	Monthly Pack Committee Meeting. All Pack adults are welcome to attend.
Saturday 27	Community Service	Food Pantry 10 a.m. - Noon St. Spyridon's Church, Worcester	All volunteers are welcome! Please wear full uniforms.
Sunday 28	Pack Event	Pack Trip to Coco Key Indoor Water Park Fitchburg, MA 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Back again by popular demand. Adults \$15, Kids \$10. Must sign-up and pay in advance. Bring your swimsuits and towels!

MARCH

Friday - Sunday 5 - 7	Pack Event	Winter Family Camping Weekend Treasure Valley, Rutland	Always a popular event - indoor camping (with bathrooms facilities). Lots of fun indoor and outdoor activities for everyone to enjoy. Please sign up in advance - you can attend one or both nights.
Monday 15	Committee Meeting	March Meeting 6:30 p.m. Room 205 at FBC	Monthly Pack Committee Meeting. All Pack adults are welcome to attend.
Friday 19	Pack Meeting	March Pack Meeting 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Faith Baptist Church	Details TBA

