



PINWOOD DERBY (Pg. 1)
HAIGHT ELEMENTARY
FRIDAY, FEB. 24, 6:30PM!



BLUE & GOLD (Pg. 2)
ELKS LODGE BALLROOM
WED., MAR. 8, 5:45PM



**BSA VOLUNTEER
RECOGNITION DINNER**
ELKS LODGE
SATURDAY, MAR. 11, 6PM



PACK HIKE
BIKING AT OYSTER BAY
SATURDAY, MAR. 4, 10AM

THE BUGLER. *NEWSLETTER OF PACK 1015*

February Pack Meeting: Pinewood Derby!

Drivers start your engines...actually, just make 'vroom-vroom' noises and let gravity do the rest! Come see what amazing transformations can occur when a lot of creativity and hard work are applied to a simple block of wood. The Annual Pack 1015 Pinewood Derby will be held in the Haight Elementary MPR on 2/24, with check-in starting at 6:30pm (6:15 for Tigers). **Also...the Pinewood Café, put on this year by the Webelos I den, will have food for purchase, so bring your appetite in addition to your car!**

IN THIS ISSUE

Pinewood Derby	1
Upcoming Events	2
Pinewood Rules	2
Blue & Gold Dinner	2
BSA Centennial and Volunteer Recognition Dinner	3
Recent Events	3
Cubmaster's Corner	6
Additional Info	7
Website.....	8

Racing begins for the Tiger Den at 6:45 pm (followed by the other dens in order, at approx. 30-min. intervals). Each racer *must* have his car inspected, weighed, and approved by the judges before his Den's race time even if it was already pre-approved on the Test Night. Derby instructions and guidelines were sent out by the Pack – please read them carefully. It is *strongly recommended* that everyone participate in the test night for the pre-race weigh-in, inspection, and practice races.

Most important is the following: Pinewood Derby is for the enjoyment of our kids and is supposed to be *fun*. It is intended to help them learn craftsmanship and how to be a good sport. The three fastest cars in each Den will be acknowledged. That being said, it is important to remember that *every* Scout who

participates—and every adult who assists—is a winner. Please encourage your kids to cheer for all cars and remember that as long as they *did their best and had fun*, they achieved success at Pinewood.

- **WHEN?** **Feb. 24, 6:30pm – ATTN. TIGERS: Please arrive by 6:15!** (Test Night Feb. 23, 6:30pm)
- **WHERE?** Haight Elementary MPR
- **QUESTIONS?** Contact Ray Delgado at ray.delgado@schawk.com ■



Pinewood Derby Rules

The following info was sent via email to the entire Pack 1015 community but is included here for the reader's convenience. Unlike at Space Derby, at Pinewood Scouts are required to enter cars that comply with strict guidelines.

- Mandatory width at axles: 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ "
- Maximum width: 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ "
- Mandatory length: 7"
- Maximum height: 3"
- Maximum weight: 5 oz.
- Minimum bottom clearance: 3/8"
- Materials from the kit may be supplemented but not substituted/replaced
- No wheel bearings, springs, washers or bushings allowed. No moving parts.
- Each car must pass the Official Inspection before racing.

In addition, the following local rules will apply:

- Each car must pass the Official Inspection before racing.
- You must use the official axle slots. Do not relocate axle locations.
- Only dry lubricants (e.g., teflon, graphite) may be used. No silicone, oil, WD-40, etc.
- Cars may be lubricated prior to inspection; however, no lubricants may be applied following inspection or during racing.
- Wheel mass & tread may not be reduced. No sanding/crowning of the wheel treads. No hub caps.
- The decision of the Judges is FINAL.
- Rules infractions must be corrected prior to racing or car will be subject to disqualification.

Blue & Gold Dinner

The annual Blue & Gold Dinner for Graduating Webelos II will be held on Wed., Mar. 8, from 5:45 to 8:30pm at the Elks Lodge Ballroom. The event is complimentary for all Pack 1015 Scouts plus one parent per Scout – additional guests are \$15 each. **We ask that you RSVP to Dorinda before Friday, Feb. 24.** The Blue & Gold event is a formal celebration of the members of our Webelos II Den as they complete their Cub Scout journey and some choose to matriculate into local Boy Scout Troops. The event also gives the younger Scouts in Pack 1015 a chance to look forward to when they, too, earn the Webelos rank. We encourage all scouts and their families to attend this beautiful event.

- **WHEN?** Wed., Mar. 8th: Check-in begins @5:45pm, Ceremony from 6:30pm to 8:30pm
- **WHERE?** Elks Lodge Ballroom (2255 Santa Clara Ave)
- **QUESTIONS/RSVP?** Email tikioasisgirl@gmail.com for more info ■

UPCOMING EVENTS



PINEWOOD DERBY

Friday, Feb. 24, 6:30pm
Haight MPR
(Test night Thu. Feb. 23, 6:30)

PACK HIKE

Saturday, Mar. 4, 10am,
Mountain Biking at Oyster Bay
Regional Park **watch your
email inbox!**

BLUE & GOLD DINNER

Wed., Mar. 8,
Check-in starts @5:45pm
Ceremony starts @6:30pm
Elks Lodge Ballroom
**RSVP to Dorinda before this
Friday, Feb. 24! See left for
Dorinda's contact info.**

BSA VOLUNTEER DINNER

Saturday, Mar. 11, 6pm
Elks Lodge

APRIL PACK MEETING

Wednesday, Apr. 19, 7pm
Edison MPR

See

<http://pack1015.org/calendar-of-events/pack-events-calendar/> for a complete and up-to-date calendar of events,

Alameda Council Centennial Celebration and Volunteer Recognition Dinner

From bsa-alameda.org:

Our annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner provides us with the opportunity to thank many adult Scouters for their service to youth in our various units and the council. Awards presented include Journey to Excellence recognitions, veteran awards, training awards, Oscar Awards, B-P Dist. Award of Merit, and Silver Beaver Award. 2017 will mark the 100th anniversary of Alameda Council and our original 7 troops.

Those interested can register now through March 7, 11:59 PM. (Early registration rate ends 2/28!) To register, visit <http://www.bsa-alameda.org/Event.aspx?id=213> and click the orange button.

Note the following event info:

- **WHEN?** Sat., Mar. 11, 6pm – 9pm
- **WHERE?** Elks Lodge Alameda (2255 Santa Clara Ave.)
- **CALENDAR:** <http://www.bsa-alameda.org/Event.aspx?id=213>
- **QUESTIONS?** Contact Michael Coustier at (510) 501-8356 ■

Individual Registrations		Fees:	Regular	Late
Participants:	BSA Youth		\$40.00	\$45.00
	Adult		\$40.00	\$45.00

Recent Events

Tiger Den 7 Visits the Fire Station

In January, Tiger Den 7 was lucky enough to get a tour of Alameda Fire Station 1! The boys learned about the equipment and vehicles that the first responders use. They talked about Fire Safety and how it's important to have an emergency family plan. They saw the Firemen in all their gear and talked about the ways the Firemen stay active and healthy as part of their training. They even got to go on the Fire Engine! Everyone had a wonderful time and we're so grateful for the work they do for our community.

~Norm McBride, Den Leader





Presidio Hike

The January Pack Hike through the Presidio Park was well attended with 25 scouts and their families. This 3 ½ mile hike took scouts along the Historic Presidio Trail, with sweeping views of the Pacific Ocean, Golden Gate, and the Bay. Scouts learned about the Presidio's 200 year history, explored historic batteries, saw the underbelly of the golden gate bridge, passed by a pet cemetery under US-101, and learned about some of the historical figures buried in the SF National Cemetery. This was a hike where scouts earned a special patch!

Cake Boss Fundraiser



Please give yourself a pat on the back if you participated in the 3rd Annual Cake Boss silent auction, whether as a volunteer at the event, or through baking or bidding on a cake. We are proud to have raised almost \$2,000 as a result of your efforts! A very special thank-you goes out to Henry Awayan and Katie of Whisk Cake Creations for – yet again – providing an awesome cake decorating demonstration and donating their cake to the live auction at the end of the night. Please keep them in mind if you are in need of a cake for that special occasion coming up. Whisk Cake Creations has offered a 10% discount to the Pack, use the code “CakeBoss1015”. Please be

on the lookout and have your Scout sign the thank-you note for Henry and Katie on Pinewood Derby night.

USS Pampanito Overnight

Forty-eight cub scouts and parents embarked on the Pack 1015 overnight trip on the USS Pampanito in San Francisco, getting over any fears they had of being in confined spaces and gaining perspective on what life was like on the sub. Scouts learned about the tremendous effort that went into building the submarine in six months during WWII and the harrowing experience rescuing 73 British and American POWs during the war (and doubling the number of people on an already cramped ship).



Winter Lodge

With the largest group in Pack 1015 History, Winter Lodge at Camp Richardson was a huge success – a weekend filled with lasting memories. Down by the lake, the Tigers and Webelos built epic snow forts in preparation for a multi-hour snowball fight. Conditions were cozier up in the lodge, where some folks spent the day sipping hot cocoa, assembling jigsaw puzzles, and playing board games. Others spent the day out skiing and sledding in some of the deepest snow Tahoe has seen in a decade. Saturday night brought some of the corniest skits the region has seen in that long, as well! Thanks to everyone who help make the weekend such a success!



More images available at the following url courtesy Richard Haik, who was kind enough to document the event with his own professional photography!

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/5qn14k0i9he60gr/AACzRhXO6mHMgYZxr1UAolw_a?dl=0

Cubmaster's Corner

The only way to have a friend is to be one. - Ralph Waldo Emerson

Many friendships are formed within Pack 1015, not just amongst our scouts, but also between us parents. Over the five years from Tiger cubs to Webelos II our families form strong friendships through our many shared adventures. Our Blue & Gold Ceremony in March is the formal event where Webelos II scouts bridge from Pack 1015 into their chosen Boy Scout Troop. The Webelos II scout graduation also marks the completion of **Dorinda and Otto von Stroheim's** many-year journey with Pack 1015. **Dorinda and Otto** have been great friends to Pack 1015, providing so much dedication, effort, enthusiasm, and guidance as Den Leaders. They have had a meaningful impact not just to the development of the current Webelos II scouts, but to the Pack as a whole. Pack 1015 is much stronger today as a result of their tremendous efforts. Thank you **Dorinda and Otto** for all of your service over these many years, we will miss you greatly!

I also would like to extend thanks to all of our many volunteers that make Pack 1015 so active and fun, especially: **Kim Rankin** for organizing the Presidio Historic Trail Hike; **Kathy Choi, Chris Kelly, Dave Lamb, Stacey Plaskett, Sophia Hirano, Harold Leung, and Kevin Melhberg** for running the Cake Boss logistics; **Kara Eastwood** for coordinating the USS Pampanito Overnight; **Chris Kelly** for his 7th (and final!) year coordinating the Winter Lodge signups; **Laura Katz** for being the Winter Lodge onsite coordinator; **Matt Brotze** for coordinating Monster Jam event; **Ray Delgado, Edwin Lager, and Craig Spahn** for coordinating the upcoming the Pinewood Derby; and **Jack Kotovsky** for coordinating the March Mountain Bike Pack "Hike" at Oyster Bay. In addition, thank you to all of the **Den Leaders** and **Pack Leaders** who keep things running! When you see these people around, please take a moment to say "Thanks!"

~Gordon Williams, Cubmaster

Additional Info

Volunteering for Pack 1015

Pack 1015 is 100% volunteer staffed, and we are constantly in need of new and additional volunteers to help coordinate the many activities we do during the year. Time commitments can be as little as just a few hours to plan one event. We have a truly great Pack, and this is because of the voluntary contributions of the parents who step up and take on a small part of the coordination effort. The volunteer positions listed below need to be filled in order to continue to offer these activities to our Scouts:

- Bugler Editor: *Approx. time required: 4-6 hours per edition, 6-8 editions per year ideally. This volunteer will be shadowing the current and outgoing Bugler editor, takes sole responsibility for Bugler as of summer 2017.*

- **Pack Treasurer:** *We will need a new Pack Treasurer starting at the end of this school year. This role involves coordinating the Pack budget, handling the reimbursements, and tracking Pack expenditures. This is great for anyone who loves numbers (any CPA's out there?)*
- **Room Coordinator:** This person is responsible for booking all of the rooms for Pack and Den meetings. The bulk of the reservations are made in the summer, and there are occasional changes to handle throughout the year. This job is almost entirely on e-mail.

INTERESTED? Please contact our Committee Chair, Carlos Flores. Carlos can be reached at info@pack1015.org. Thank you!

Friends of Scouting

Help grow big things with the Boy Scouts of America. Donate to the Alameda Council and give young people the chance to have fun, gain confidence, and become leaders who live by the Scout Oath and the Scout Law.



Financial resources for Alameda Council come from our Friends of Scouting (FOS) annual giving campaign, foundation grants, special events, product sales, and income from invested assets. You can help us close the gap by going to <http://www.bsa-alameda.org/Donate> and choosing a contribution amount you are comfortable with. The Scouts thank you!

Pack1015.org

Remember that Pack 1015 is now on the web at pack1015.org. The website has lots of info about Pack 1015 and the Alameda Council, but the perhaps the most important resource you will find there is the Pack events calendar. There's also a calendar for each den; to see, please visit pack1015.org. ■

The screenshot shows the Pack 1015 website. The header includes the title 'Pack 1015' and the location 'Alameda, California'. A navigation bar contains links: Home, Pack News, **Calendar Of Events** (highlighted with a red circle), Resources, Photos, Bugler, Alameda Troops, and Contact. A dropdown menu from 'Calendar Of Events' lists: Pack Events Calendar, Tiger Den Calendar, Wolf Den Calendar, Bear Den Calendar, and Webelos I Den.

Below the navigation is a 'Pack Events' section for February 2017. It includes a 'Today' button, navigation arrows, and a 'Print' button. The calendar is displayed in a grid format with columns for days of the week and rows for dates. Events are listed in blue boxes within the date cells.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	Feb 1	2	3	4
	6pm Den 2		7pm Committee Me	7pm Roundtable Me	(4:00pm) Winter Lodge - Camp Richards	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Winter Lodge - Ca	6:45pm Webelos II	6:45pm Webelos I	6:45pm Wolf	7pm Bear		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Den 4 - offsite	6:30pm Den 7 - MPR		7pm Bear	Lincoln's Birthday	7pm Monster Jam	