

JAN. PACK MEETING & SNOW CLOTHES SWAP (Pg. 1) EDISON SCHOOL MPR WEDNESDAY, JAN. 20



CAKE BOSS (Pg. 2) JANUARY PACK MEETING WEDNESDAY, JAN. 20



ALAMEDA POINT SHORELINE CLEANUP ALAMEDA POINT SATURDAY, JAN. 16



WINTER LODGE AT LAKE TAHOE (Pg. #) LAKE TAHOE, CA JAN. 29 - 31, 2016

THE BUGLER. NEWSLETTER OF PACK 1015

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Happy New Year!

On behalf of the Committee, I would like to wish all the families of Pack 1015 a very Happy New Year. The year 2015 was an excellent one for our Pack and we fully expect the trend to carry into 2016. Read on for more info about upcoming events, and to learn about opportunities to further engage in our Cub Scout community.

> Sincerely, Carlos Flores, Committee Chair info@pack1015.org •

January Pack Meeting & Snow Clothes Swap

Mark your calendars now because the January Pack Meeting is not one to miss! First off, it includes our annual Cake Boss event and live auction, which you can read about below. But for those of you who plan on traveling to the snow this year, whether for Winter Lodge or otherwise, there is an added bonus: **the 8th Annual Pack 1015 Snow Clothes Swap**. Did your favorite little snowmen grow much over the past year? Well get ready for this season's epic El Nino snow by bringing any outgrown or unneeded snow clothes (boots, bibs, gloves, and jackets *for either gender*) to the Pack Meeting on Jan. 20th and exchange them for better fitting threads. At the end of the meeting, you can reclaim your un-swapped clothes or leave them to be donated to a local Alameda charity.



- WHEN? Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2016, <u>6:30 8:00pm</u>
- WHERE? EDISON SCHOOL MPR (2700 BUENA VISTA)
- QUESTIONS? Contact Anna Williams at bananaflambe@gmail.com •

Cake Boss Auction



The Cake Boss coordinators have some exciting changes in store for this year's auction. First, we have a special guest: a local professional baker is coming to perform a cake decorating demonstration for the Scouts. His cake will then be auctioned as part of the fundraiser. Secondly, we plan to offer an eBay style "But-it-Now" option – with immediate checkout! The latter is perfect for attendees who know right away which cake they want and would like to be excused from the remainder of the program.

Please note that **this year's theme is "Bake your favorite GAME BOARD!**" Whether it's Candyland, or Monopoly, or plain old Checkers, we look forward to seeing your homage to your favorite game! **Also note the 6:30 start time** (it was 7 last year).

- WHEN? January Pack Meeting Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2016, 6:30 8
- WHERE? EDISON SCHOOL MPR (2700 BUENA VISTA)
- QUESTIONS? Contact Gordon Williams at flashfoot@gmail.com •

Winter Lodge at Camp Richardson, Lake Tahoe January 29 – 31, 2016



As noted in the December Bugler, we have 163 participants signed up for this year's event. Notices will be sent out mid-January with a web link to a Google doc that includes additional resources. At this point the Pack leadership encourages families who are attending for the first time to consult with those who are returning, for tips and to coordinate carpool arrangements if interested. As you are aware, there is a chance of snow on the roads to Camp Richardson; we urge participants to observe all safety precautions while in transit.

The Committee wishes to thank Chris Kelly for his diligent service in selling out the Winter Lodge!

QUESTIONS? For more info about the activities we have planned, contact Bonnie Wehmann at bonniewehmann@yahoo.com •

Alameda Point Shoreline Cleanup Saturday, January 16th



The Alameda Point shoreline cleanup is a BSA-sponsored event, in cooperation with the City of Alameda. Participants will gather at one of two

locations in the Alameda Point area (either on Main Street near the ferry terminal, or at Encinal Beach, depending where your designated group leader – TBD – directs you to go). Lunch will be provided for helpers and is served from 12 - 1.

- WHEN? Sat., Jan. 16, <u>9am noon</u> (optional lunch noon 1pm)
- WHERE? ALAMEDA POINT (SEE ABOVE)
- QUESTIONS? Email <u>info@pack1015.org</u> for more info •

Looking Ahead

Blue and Gold Dinner

The annual Blue & Gold Dinner for Graduating Webelos II will be held on Wednesday, February 24, 2016 from 5:45 to 8:30 at the Elks Lodge Ballroom. The event is complimentary for all Pack

Xmas Caroling, Dec. 13th

Pack 1015 scouts and their families enjoyed the annual tradition of Christmas Caroling last month. Even though a rainy Sunday, over 40 joined in for this special morning activity! With song books in hand we sang the holiday hit songs for the residents of the Alameda Care Center. Many of the residents sang along or tapped their fingers to the tunes and smiled in appreciation and excitement to see the young scouts and their siblings. The spirit of the holidays rang out as our group continued caroling down the care center halls bringing song to those who were not able to join us in the main hall for the entertainment.

1015 Scouts plus one parent per Scout. Tickets for additional attendees are \$15 each. There will be a table set up at the January "Cake Boss" Pack meeting to sign up for the dinner. Please come prepared to sign up, as we need to have a headcount before we order food. The payment for additional guests will be due at the time of the January Pack meeting.

The Blue & Gold event is a formal celebration of the members of our Webelos II Den as they near the end of their tenure in Cub Scouts, and as some choose to matriculate into local Boy Scout Troops. The event also gives the younger Scouts in Pack 1015 a wonderful chance to look forward to when they, too, earn the Webelos rank. We encourage all scouts and their families to attend this beautiful event.

Alameda Council Annual Crab Feed & Auction

The Alameda Council is holding its 7th Annual Crab Feed & Auction on January 30, 2016. This event will draw Scouts from all Packs and Troops in Alameda and, as such, is a great opportunity for Pack 1015 families to make new friends! Dinner starts at 6pm and will be followed by both silent and live auctions. Please note that tickets will <u>not</u> be sold at the door. Register online by going



to the following address: <u>h t t p : / / w w w . b s a -</u> <u>alameda.org/Event.aspx?</u> id=25.

Monster Jam

Monster Jam is coming back to Oakland with more monster trucks than ever before! Shows consist of

three main fan favorite elements – the pit party, side-by-side racing, and freestyle. The freestyle competition gives trucks the chance to run wild – attempting crowd pleasing sky wheelies, cyclone style donuts, possible roll-overs, and much more! For more info and to sign up, see the recent email about this event (look for "<u>Re: 2016 MONSTER JAM at O.co Coliseum sign up form</u>" in the subject line). If you did not receive the email, please reach out to <u>mattbrotze@yahoo.com</u>.

December Pack Meeting, Dec. 9th

The December Pack Meeting was a remarkable success. The Scouts received patches for Popcorn sales, Scouting for Food, and the USS Hornet, (as well as individual awards), and afterward got to decorate the tree with their homemade ornaments. To top it all off they had photo ops with Santa, who brought them all... **Pinewood Derby kits!**

- WHEN? Saturday, Feb. 20, <u>7pm</u>, with Pit Party starting at <u>3pm</u>
- WHERE? O.CO COLISEUM
- COST? \$18.50/person main event, plus \$5.00/person Pit Party
- QUESTIONS? Please reach out to <u>mattbrotze@yahoo.com</u>

Pinewood Derby

More info to follow about this event, including tips and tricks for constructing your racer. In the meantime, note the following:

- WHEN? February Pack Meeting Friday, Feb. 19, <u>6:30pm</u> (practice Feb. 18, <u>6:30pm</u>)
- WHERE? Haight Elementary •

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:

• <u>Summer Resident Camp Coordinator</u>

Approx. time required: 10 hours in Sep./Oct.

• <u>Summer Overnight Coordinator</u>

The Committee extends a big thanks to **Sara Ward** for stepping forward to meet this need. "Thank you, Sara!"

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 <u>http://www.bsa-alameda.org/Donate</u> and choosing a contribution amount you are comfortable with. The Scouts thank you!

Yahoo Calendar

For a list of *all* Pack events, including Den Meetings, go to the following address: <u>https://</u> <u>calendar.yahoo.com/PACK1015ALAMEDA</u>. ■

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