



**PINEWOOD DERBY (Pg. 1)**  
HAIGHT ELEMENTARY  
FRIDAY, FEB. 19



**BLUE & GOLD (Pg. 2)**  
ELKS LODGE BALLROOM  
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 24



**MONSTER JAM (Pg. 3)**  
O.CO COLISEUM  
SATURDAY, FEB. 20

# 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 at Haight Elementary School MPR, with check-in starting at 6:30pm.

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Racing begins for the Tiger Den at 6:45 pm (followed by the Wolves, Bears, Webelos I and II, in that order, at approximately 30-minute 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. Look for the Pine Wood Derby instructions and guidelines in your e-mail. 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 although not every car places, parents are urged to remind their Scouts that as long as they *did their best and had fun*, they achieved success at Pinewood. For those adults and siblings that want to build their own car, we will have the Cubmaster 6000 open heat at the end of the competition.

- **WHEN?** Feb. 19, 6:30pm – ATTN. TIGERS: Please arrive 6:15! (Test Night Feb. 18, 6:30pm)
- **WHERE?** Haight Elementary MPR
- **QUESTIONS?** Contact Ray Delgado at [ray.delgado@schawk.com](mailto:ray.delgado@schawk.com) ■



## Blue & Gold Dinner

The annual Blue & Gold Dinner for Graduating Webelos II will be held on Wednesday, February 24, 2016 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. (Payment for additional guests is past due).

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 most 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.

- **WHEN?** Wed., Feb. 24, 5:45 to 8:30pm
- **WHERE?** Elks Lodge Ballroom (2255 Santa Clara Ave)
- **QUESTIONS?** Email [info@pack1015.org](mailto:info@pack1015.org) for more info ■



## Monster Jam

Monster Jam returns to Oakland with more monster trucks than ever before! We are pleased to have 16 families (41 participants total) signed up for this event. 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. See you and your Scouts there! **Don't forget your ear protection, because its loud!**

- **WHEN?** Saturday, Feb. 20, 7pm (Pit Party starting 3pm)
- **WHERE?** O.CO COLISEUM
- **QUESTIONS?** Please contact Matt Brotze at [mattbrotze@yahoo.com](mailto:mattbrotze@yahoo.com) ■

## Winter Lodge Jan. 29-31

A great time was had by all at this year's Winter Lodge retreat! The weekend began with families settling in on Friday night, then venturing out on their own Saturday (mainly for snow sports at one of the nearby resorts or sled/saucer play in open spaces). The highlight of that day was definitely the Kids vs. Grown-Ups snowball fight! Dinner and games followed in the evening, with families departing Sunday morning.





## Cake Boss Fundraiser

Please give yourself a pat on the back if you participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 \$2,200, exceeding last year’s effort. A short recap for those who had to miss. A very special thank you to Henry Awayan and Katie of [Whisk Cake Creations](#) for providing an awesome cake decorating demonstration and donating their two cakes 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. **Please be on the lookout and have your scout sign the “Thank You” note for Henry and Katie at the Pinewood Derby night.**



## Recent Events

### Paws for Action

The Bear Den is currently working on "Paws for Action," an adventure which combines learning about American history with community service. Bear Scouts have presented reports on famous Americans such as Jackie Robinson, John Muir, and Neil Armstrong. To explore a little piece of history in our own back yard, 9 Bear Scouts toured the *USS Potomac*, known as FDR's "Floating White House." They will continue learning about our government in February with a visit to Alameda Police Department!



## 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. We are currently looking for volunteers to fill the following roles:

- **May service project coordinator**
- **Summer day camp coordinator**
- **Summer activities coordinator**
- **Summer resident camp coordinator**
- **Halloween trash pick-up coordinator**
- **Winter Camp onsite coordinator**

**INTERESTED?** Please contact our Committee Chair, Carlos Flores ([info@pack1015.org](mailto:info@pack1015.org))

## Volunteer Recognition

Many thanks to the volunteers who keep the Pack running strong! A big thanks to **Kathy Choi** for coordinating the much-improved Cake Boss checkout, **Daniel Nolan** for coordinating the Alameda Point Shoreline Cleanup (and putting together the Bugler), **Chris Kelly, Bonnie Wehmann, Liana Thomas, Jennifer Daly,** and **Sara Ward** for coordinating the wonderfully successful Winter Lodge event, **Jack Kotovsky** for organizing the recent Pack Hike at Steep Ravine, the Pinewood Derby Pit Crew for preparing for race day: **Ray Delgado, Vince Camacho, Edwin Lager,** and **Chris Robinette, Matt Brotze** for coordinating Monster Jam event, and **Heather Hildreth** for planning for the Blue & Gold event and for doing everything she has done over the past many years to make Pack 1015 so awesome!!!! In addition, thanks to ***all of our Den and Pack Leaders*** for all that you do on a continual basis. If you see these folks around, take a moment to say "Thanks!"

## 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!

## Yahoo Calendar

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