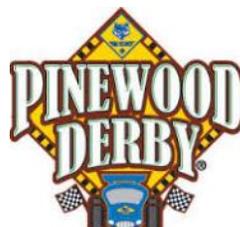




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SUNDAY, APRIL 17

# THE BUGLER. NEWSLETTER OF PACK 1015

## April Pack Meeting & 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Pack 1015 turns 75 this year! It is fitting then to plan our April Pack meeting around the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary theme. The Pack has invited a couple of special guests, one of whom graduated in 1948(!), to come talk about their experiences as Cub Scouts.

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We encourage everyone who can make it to please come be a part of this special event. In addition to the guest speakers, there will be activities for the Scouts, including a 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary-themed craft they can wear with pride as part of their Class A uniform!

A note to parents about this and future Pack 1015 functions: as you all know from experience it can be hard keeping kids under control for extended periods of time, (especially the younger ones!), and it is often tempting to pacify them with mobile devices. For the kids’ benefit though, we would like to **do our best** – i.e., uphold the Cub Scout motto – to keep them engaged in the program, which should not be too hard after all since there are activities planned.

It will be up to us as adults to set an example for the kids in this area, so please keep cell phone use to a minimum.

- **WHEN?** Wed., Apr. 20, 7:00 pm
- **WHERE?** Edison MPR (2700 Buena Vista Ave.)
- **QUESTIONS?** Email [info@pack1015.org](mailto:info@pack1015.org) for more info ■



# Heather Hildreth Receives Oscar at BSA Volunteer Recognition Dinner



**Former Committee Chair Heather Hildreth**, pictured here with husband and fellow Webelos II den leader Scott Hildreth after having received her Oscar at the BSA dinner.

**Heather Hildreth** was selected by our council as one of the honored leaders to receive a 2015 Oscar award at the BSA Volunteer Recognition Dinner, which was held Feb. 25 at the Alameda Elks Lodge.

For the past five years, Heather has been absolutely essential to our success in Pack 1015, providing the leadership and vision necessary for us to remain strong as a pack. Heather sets an outstanding example for all members of Pack 1015 – Scouts and adult volunteers alike – to follow. The following are just a few of Heather’s many accomplishments during her tenure in our Pack:

- Alameda Pack 1015 has been honored year after year with the highest Level of Excellence, Gold
- We have been recognized by the US Armed Forces for our support of allied troops in Afghanistan
- We have maintained membership at an all-time high

## *Blue & Gold Feb. 24*

This year’s Blue & Gold Ceremony was a regal affair! For those who aren’t familiar, Blue & Gold is a formal celebration of the Webelos II as they matriculate into local Boy Scout troops and Sea Scout ships; during the ceremony Scouts cross a symbolic bridge and are received on the other end by their soon-to-be troop leaders. Special thanks go out to Heather for putting this event together!



- Heather pioneered the idea of our website, which is already in testing and will go live prior to the '16/17 Scouting year
- Heather has exhibited leadership both within – and outside of the pack
- Heather has done a fine job training her successor as Committee Chair

The above represents just a *few* reasons why this is a well-deserved honor; there are many more which we do not have room to list here. So when you see Heather, (which you often do at our events!), please say congratulations on the Oscar! And thanks Heather, for numerous years of excellent service to the Pack. ■

## Don Edwards SF Bay National Wildlife Refuge Hike



**They're Back!** Barn Swallows arrive at the refuge in great numbers in April and May to breed.

Join Pack 1015 for a visit to The Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge! We will be meeting at the Visitor Center, which is located at 2 Marshlands Road in Fremont.

On this hike we will be covering parts of the following requirements, for those of you who still need to satisfy them:

- TIGER (Tigers in the Wild)
- WOLF (Paws on the Path)
- BEAR (Fur, Feathers, and Ferns)
- WEBELOS (Webelos Walkabout Adventure, Into the Wild Webelos, AOL Adventure)

Furthermore, the leader of the hike can certify scouts who are working towards these extra achievements:

- Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award
- Outdoor Activity Award

A bit more about the Don Edwards National Wildlife Refuge: The Visitor Center overlooks LaRiviere Marsh, a restored salt marsh which is home to two endangered species, the California Ridgway's Rail and Salt Marsh Harvest Mouse. At the Visitor Center you will find exhibits, trail maps, and binoculars for loan. Outside, self-guided trails will introduce you to the San Francisco Bay natural habitat and local wildlife.

(There is a Geocache – inquire with Dorina if you are interested.) To read further, visit [http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Don Edwards San Francisco Bay/](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Don_Edwards_San_Francisco_Bay/).

Note the following info:

- **WHEN?** Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 1pm – 3pm **RAIN OR SHINE**
- **HOW LONG?** 1hr 30 min of walking (+/- depending on group), 2hrs total
- **QUESTIONS?** Email [dvonstroheim@ideo.com](mailto:dvonstroheim@ideo.com) for more info ■

# Pinewood Derby Results

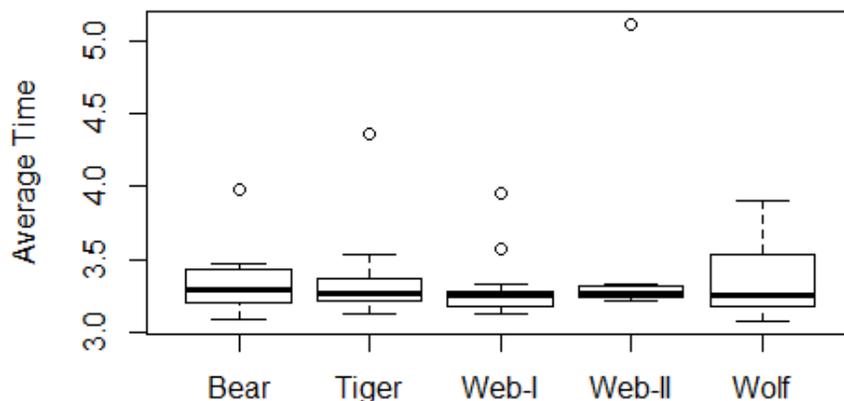
First off thanks to Ray Delgado for once again stepping up to coordinate our Pinewood Derby. The results are in, and the winners are as follows:

Place	Car	Driver	Den	Points
1st	502	Fionn Meagher	Webelos II	22
2nd	509	Matthew Hildreth	Webelos II	19
3rd	503	Issac Camacho	Webelos II	18
1st	407	Jacob Hirano	Webelos I	24
2nd	411	Mateo Delgado	Webelos I	22
3rd	403	Dashiell Von Stroheim	Webelos I	22
1st	304	Nathan Long	Bear	24
2nd	313	Finn Daily	Bear	23
3rd	309	William Keys	Bear	20
1st	207	Jeremy Lamb	Wolf	24
2nd	209	Max Rogers	Wolf	23
3rd	215	Roman Rishin	Wolf	23
1st	108	Charlie Robinette	Tiger	23
2nd	107	Zack Katz	Tiger	22
3rd	109	Dylan Taylor	Tiger	22

To see how the dens stack up against each other, have a look at the diagram below.

What you are looking at is a sequence of “boxplots” which summarize the distribution of average times per contestant within each den. The bold line through each box represents the median average time for the den, i.e., the point such that half the observations are above it and the other half below. The box itself contains a majority of the observations, with further observations filling out the range bounded by the narrow horizontal lines beyond the edges of the box. The remaining observations (marked by empty dots in the diagram) are referred to as outliers. You can see from the diagram that a) the Webelos I den achieved the lowest average time, and b) the Webelos II den was highly competitive to say the least! ■

**Pinewood Average Time by Den**



## Recent Events

### Pack 1015 Tiger Brew!

Thanks to Tiger dad David McDonough, last month's den meeting included an extra special treat for the Scouts – homemade root beer! Well, to be fair, A&W was on tap as well...and even beat out two homemade varieties in a taste test (the kids voted, not the grown-ups). But the fun part was learning the craft from Mr. McDonough, who taught Scouts the entire process. You can try it yourself with this recipe for 7-root beer:



#### 7-ROOT SYRUP

- 4 ½ cups water
- 1 oz fresh gingerroot, thinly sliced
- ½ oz dried sassafras root, chopped
- ¼ oz dried burdock root, chopped
- ¼ oz dried licorice root, chopped
- 1 large carrot, coarsely shredded
- 1 large parsnip, coarsely shredded
- 4 cups dark brown sugar
- 1 tsp gum arabic

**ENOUGH FOR 1 GALLON BREWED ROOT BEER**

Combine the water, ginger, sarsaparilla, sassafras, burdock, licorice, carrot, and parsnip in a large saucepan. Bring to a simmer over medium heat, stirring occasionally; let simmer uncovered for 15 minutes.

Blend the brown sugar and gum arabic. Gradually add the sugar mixture to the simmered root in the pan, stirring until the sugar dissolves. Then remove from the heat, let cool to room temperature, and strain.

To serve, combine syrup with carbonated water and ice. This syrup will keep in the refrigerator for up to 2 months.

### What's for Dinner?

Scouts in the Webelos I den had a great time working in small groups for their CAST IRON CHEF Achievement. The Scouts planned the meals, shopped for ingredients, stayed within a budget and did all the prep work and cooking (with only a little help from the parents). They learned a lot about healthy choices, problem solving and hands-on kitchen skills! What was the outcome you ask? Actually, quite delicious!

To the right: Scouts at the camping stove! On the menu were broccoli, mac & cheese from scratch, fresh squeezed lemonade, fruit salad, and fresh made whipped cream!





## The Boy Scouts Visit Pack 1015!

The Boy Scouts of Troop 73 lead our Webelos I den in completing the required First Responder Webelos Adventure. This 100% Scout-led den meeting included instructions on how to respond to injuries or illnesses with first aid and how to be ready for a variety of emergency situations. Our boys especially liked learning how to make a homemade ice gel pack with a mixture of rubbing alcohol and water...and customized with food coloring! ■

## 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:

- Summer Activities Coordinator  
*Approx. time required: 20 hours total over the course of the summer; mainly involves keeping track of – and documenting – who participates in what so that we can determine who's earned the Summer Activities patch; ideally shows up at events to sign folks in but this can be delegated also*
- Summer Resident Camp Coordinator  
*Approx. time required: 10 hours in Sep./Oct.*

**INTERESTED?** Please contact our Committee Chair, Carlos Flores. Carlos can be reached at [info@pack1015.org](mailto:info@pack1015.org). Thank you!

### Volunteer Recognition

Many thanks to the volunteers who keep the Pack running strong! A big thanks to **Ray Delgado, Vincent Camacho, Edwin Lager,** and **Chris Robinette**, for making the 2016 Pinewood Derby a success, **Jack Kotovsky** for coordinating the hike at Redwood Regional Park, and to **Heather Hildreth** for all her work in coordinating this year's Blue & Gold – thanks are also in order for everyone who assisted in any way with Blue & Gold. Lastly, 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>. ■