# April 2016 Pack News

**Tomorrow! April 13 Pack Graduation and Celebration Meeting**

**7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the MPR**

**Class A uniform**

Our graduation celebration happens at our April pack meeting. It’s packed with activities!

1. Graduation Celebration! Be sure that your son completed all his Cub Scout requirements and that you updated ScoutTrack.com accordingly.
2. Watch a video of our 2015-2016 scouting year.
3. Make an awesome fun craft for the scouts. Hint: it has something to do with Star Wars!
4. CAKE CONTEST! Get creative and decorate a cake. All participates will receive a cake decorating patch. This year, we also have medals for the winners!
5. EAT CAKE! Even if you didn’t make a cake, you get to sample all the cakes!

Please be environmentally friendly and bring your own water bottle. If you have cake serving utensils, please lend them to us so we can serve the cakes faster.

**Cake Contest Rules**

If you’re participating in the cake contest, please follow these rules:

* Cake check-in will take place from 7:00 – 7:15 pm.
* Siblings welcome.
* Do not put any names or den numbers on the cakes. You will be issued a number for your cake when you check in.
* The entire cake must be completely edible.
* No store-bought cakes. You may use boxed cake mixes, icing mixes or pre-made icing and decorations but you must mix and decorate your own cake.
* Crackers, cookies, candy and other solid foods may be used for decorations.
* A cake may only be awarded in one category, selected by the judges.
* Judging categories include:
	+ Most Patriotic
	+ Most Creative
	+ Most Colorful
	+ Tallest
	+ Most Unlike a Cake
	+ Most Cub Scout Like (Campfire, Derby Car, etc)
	+ Best Sports Themes
	+ Best in Show
	+ Funniest / Wildest

***Rescheduled!* Blackhawk 500**

**Saturday, April 16**

**Blackhawk Auto Museum**

**3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville, CA 94506**

The Blackhawk 500 has been rescheduled to Saturday, April 16. This is the council-wide Pinewood Derby open to ALL Cub Scouts. During the event, the whole family can tour the Blackhawk Museum’s magnificent auto collection and other fabulous exhibits. For more info go to: www.blackhawk500.org. To register, go to: <http://www.bsa-mdsc.org/events/cub-scouts/blackhawk-500>.

***Rescheduled!* Hoot Owl Hike at Sycamore Grove Park in Livermore**

**Saturday, April 16, 7:00 pm**

**Attire: Class B uniform**

Due to the rain, we had to reschedule the Hoot Owl Hike. It is now on April 16 at 7:00 pm. The following scouts and their parents are confirmed for the hike: Hayden Lee, Lukas Platzbecker, Darren Huang, Jacob Dagen, Anay Durgude, Anthony Lamiero, Sreeneel Pamujula, Aditya Harish, Krish Singh, & Rishi Singh.

**April 30 Pack Hike**

**Little Yosemite, Sunol Regional Wilderness**

**Meeting Point: 10:00 am; parking lot near the Old Green Barn Visitor Center**

Little Yosemite is a scenic gorge with gorgeous waterfalls and pools on Alameda Creek, about two miles upstream from park headquarters. Cub Scouts will enjoy this beautiful hike with its gorgeous waterfalls and pools. Please sign up on the evite if interested. Click [here](https://pack1776.com/posts/201604_april-hike-little-yosemite/) for more information and to sign up.

**May 7th Pack Bike Ride**

**Meet at Sycamore Valley Park and Ride at 10:00 am**

Save the date and get your scout ready to ride! We will ride our bikes on the Iron Horse Trail and end at Hap Magee Park in Alamo. Before starting, we will go over bike safety rules and do a bike inspection. Siblings are welcome. We need as many adults as possible to help supervise. Watch for more details and signups to come.

**Balclutha Overnight Encampment**

**7:30 pm May 14th (Saturday) to 8:00 am May 15th (Sunday)**

**Balclutha, 2905 Hyde Street Pier, San Francisco**

**Cost: $30 per participant, max participants 35**

**RSVP: Pack Form and Check payable to Pack 1776**

**Class A & B Uniform**

Spend a night going back in time and experience first-hand what it was like to work and sleep aboard a turn-of-the-century tall ship. Celebrate San Francisco's maritime heritage and travel back to the "Age of Sail". Try your hand at traditional maritime tasks such as raising a sail, swabbing the deck, rowing a longboat, and riding a bosun's chair into the rigging. We can take on 5 more people; please deposit a check in the Pack 1776 mail box at the Coyote Creek office ASAP. Click [here](https://pack1776.com/posts/201601_overnight-encampment-on-a-tall-ship/) for more information and to sign up.

**Oakland A’s Scout Day**

**Oakland Coliseum, Sunday, May 22nd 2016, 1:05 pm**

**Class A Uniform**

Let’s Go A’s! Join us at the Oakland A's versus Yankees game, which features a pre-game festival and a parade on the field. This event is open to Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of all ages, as well as their families and friends. All uniformed Scouts and leaders will receive a commemorative Scout Day patch and be allowed on the field for the parade. Click [here](https://pack1776.com/posts/201604_9680/) for more details and to sign up.

**Flag Planting at the Presidio, San Francisco**

**Saturday May 28, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

**Location: 1 Lincoln Blvd., Presidio of San Francisco**

**All scouts in Class A uniform welcome**

Join hundreds of Scouts from all over the Bay Area, and thousands across the country, to pay tribute to those who served. We will be planting American flags at the San Francisco National Cemetery. This is typically one of the most meaningful events of the year, reminding our Scouts of the sacrifices that made our country. The event will begin promptly at 9:00am and we will likely be completed by 11:30am. Click [here](https://pack1776.com/posts/201604_memorial-day-flag-planting-3/) to sign up.

**Cotton Candy Sale at the Art and Wind Festival**

**May 29 to May 30, 8:30 am to 6:00 pm.**

**Class A Uniform**

Come have fun and participate in our Cotton Candy Fundraiser at the 2016 San Ramon Art & Wind Festival. Scouts can practice their positive attitude, public speaking skills and money handling, while helping our Pack at our biggest fundraiser to raise money for next year’s events. Click [here](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4dabae2caaf49-2016) for more details and to sign up!

**Rocket Launch Pack Meeting and Pre-registration for Next Year**

**Saturday, May 21 at 2:00 pm**

We’re going to end our last Pack meeting with a big BANG! Look for more details about how to make a water rocket and come launch it at our May pack meeting. We’re also offering early registration with a discount…and if you haven’t heard… we’re introducing the Lion Cubs for kindergarteners. Don’t miss this wet and wild meeting!

**Cub Scout Day Camp**

**August 1 to 5 at Little Ranch**

Save the date! This year, the Cub Scout Day Camp is from August 1 to 5 at Little Ranch. The theme is "Journey to Cloud City." The cost is $175 before April 29 or $200 starting April 30. All scouts welcome! We need volunteers to help coordinate and lead the event for the Pack.

**Become a Friend of Scouting**

Through Friends of Scouting, our families provide vital funding to operate Mt. Diablo Silverado Council camps, programs, and facilities. It also provides insurance to Packs and trains our leaders. Donations of any size are very welcomed and honored. Please consider making a pledge to support our local BSA Council. Return your envelope with your pledge card to the Pack 1776 mailbox in the Coyote Creek office ***whether or not you pledge***. To learn more, please visit <http://www.bsa-mdsc.org/funding/fundraising/friends-scouting> or contact Esther Wooten at echo\_333@yahoo.com.

**May Pack Planning Meeting**
**Wednesday, May 4, 7:30 pm, casual**
The May 4 Pack Planning Meeting is at Hartwell’s home at 9590 Velvetleaf Circle. All Pack and Den Leaders, and volunteers are invited. This meeting allows us to discuss ideas and solidify action plans for our upcoming events.

**Meridian District Round Table
Thursday, April 28th at 7:30, LDS-San Ramon, 5025 Crow Canyon Rd.
Class A Uniform If Available, Casual OK**
Get all the materials, ideas and information for the next three months for our Dens and Pack. All Den Leaders, Cubmasters, Committee Members, are encouraged to attend.