# August 2016 Pack News

**August Pack Meeting: Recruitment and Rocket Launch**

**Saturday, August 20, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM**

**Coyote Creek School Blacktop**

Let’s kick off our scouting year with a BANG! Please invite boys from kindergarten to fourth grade interested in scouting. Bring water, sun protection, folding chairs, and your scout’s water rocket to the Coyote Creek School Blacktop. We’ll watch them soar! For those that didn’t build one, here’s your chance! Click [here](https://pack1776.com/posts/201604_may-pack-meeting/) for details on how. During the meeting, scouts can also build compressed air rockets and launch them! Pack Leaders will be available to collect registration forms and answer questions. There will be a donation bin for those who want to pass on their uniform and book. Class A uniform.

**To New 5th Grade Parents**

The Webelos program is an 18 month program for scouts starting in 4th grade. The boys then bridge to Boy Scouts in the middle of their 5th grade year. If your 5th grade son is brand new to scouting, we recommend that he waits and join Boy Scout when he’s 11 years old. There’s simply too much content for your son to cram into 6 short months of Cub Scouting. Click [here](https://pack1776.com/resources/local-boy-scout-troops/) for a list of local Boy Scout Troops. For transferring 5th graders from another Pack, please contact Hartwell Lin, [hartwelllin@gmail.com](mailto:hartwelllin@gmail.com), Den 8 Leader, ASAP. Acceptance into Den 8 is based on Webelos achievements and space availability.

**Register for Cub Scout Now!**

**Deposit Forms and Check in Pack 1776 Mailbox at Coyote Creek Office**

Everyone can now sign up [online](https://pack1776.com/join/registration/) until September 21. This year we added Lion Cubs for Kindergarteners.New Scouts must complete a BSA form. All scouts must submit updated medical part A & B forms. The cost is $125. We are requiring a volunteer deposit of $200 for each family, so please include a separate $200 check post-dated to 4/1/2017. We will hold onto these checks and return them after you have completed your 8-hour volunteer requirement. You can deposit the forms and checks at the August or September pack meetings or in the Coyote Creek office. There’s a Pack 1776 mailbox by the front door.

**Saturday, August 27 Pack Hike at Las Trampas Regional Wilderness**

**Meeting Point: 9:00 A.M. at parking lot at the end of Bollinger Canyon Road**

Bollinger Creek Loop trail is a very nice, nearly flat, 1.5 mile trail. It should take less than 1 hour to complete. Easy hike for our younger scouts and a nice hike to start off our new year in scouting. Wear last year’s Class B uniform or casual clothing. This year’s Class B uniform will not be ready yet.

**September Pack Meeting: San Ramon K-9 Unit Demonstration**

**Wednesday, September 21, 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM**

**Coyote Creek School MPR**

Discover how San Ramon police officers and their trusted canines work together to apprehend criminals, uncover illegal drugs, and locate evidence. They will be onsite to do demonstrations and answer questions. Please note the earlier 6:30 PM meeting time and be on time! This will be the last meeting for parents to submit their Cub Scout application forms. Dens will be formed and finalized the following day. Class A uniform.

**Wednesday, September 28, Lion and Tiger Den Formation and Bobcat Requirements for New Scouts, Coyote Creek School MPR**

If your son is a Lion (kindergarten), Tiger (first grade) or new to scouting, please come to this meeting. Parents will form the new Dens and elect their Den Leaders while scouts work on their Bobcat requirements.

**September Popcorn Sale Outside Draeger’s**

Does your scout need to practice his public speaking, good manners or accepting rejections gracefully? Selling popcorn is a great way to practice all these skills! Our Popcorn Sale outside

Draeger’s starts September 10! Sales earned at the store along with individual sales all count toward prizes. Click [here](https://pack1776.com/posts/201608_2016-popcorn-show-and-sell/) for details and [here](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4dabae2caaf49-popcorn1) to sign up. Please read the [instructions](https://pack1776.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/PACK-1776-Popcorn-Show-and-Sell-Instructions.docx) carefully; if you’re the first or last shift, you must pick up or return the popcorn and cash box at Suma’s home at 3244 Carpenter Way. Wear Class A uniform!

**Webel-o-ree Registration Opens August 15th!**

The 2016 Webel-o-ree is on October 1 & 2 and November 5 & 6. It’s a fun overnight outing for Webelos and their parents. Scouts can earn three adventure pins in addition to the Shooting Sports Award Patch (BB guns). [Register](http://www.mdscbsa.org/about/programs/webeloree-2/) now, space fills up quickly (especially the October preference). We highly encourage all Webelos to attend this event!

**Save the Date! Saturday October 15 Outdoor Pack Meeting**

**Arroyo Flats Group Campground, Garin Regional Park, Hayward, 2:00 PM**

Join us for a fun outdoor pack meeting! We will go on a pack hike, conduct the Bobcat face painting ceremony for our new scouts, perform skits and songs, and have S'mores at the end of the hike. Class A uniform.

**Save the Date! Saturday to Sunday, October 15 & 16 Outdoor Pack Camping**

For those who want to party on, we reserved 75 spots at the Arroyo Flats Group Campground. Scouts should bring a tent and prepare food at home to cook in our fire pits for dinner. There’s also a small pond for fishing. The Pack will provide simple breakfast food for the following morning. Space is limited to 75 people, first come, first serve. Sign up to come.

**Save the Date! Friday, October 28, 6:00 to 8:00 pm Pack 1776 Halloween Party**

Beware the ghosts and goblins! Come for an evening of games and fun mayhem. Kids and adults wear your costumes! Best costumes win medals! Pizza plus a bottle of water will be available for $1 in the food booth.

**National Summertime Award Pins**

Scouts that participate in three Pack level summer activities can earn the [National Summertime Award](http://www.boyscouttrail.com/content/award/award-1584.asp) Pin. If your scout participated in any three events this summer, please email Surat Perez at [surat.perez@gmail.com](mailto:surat.perez@gmail.com) by September 15 to receive a pin. ***Please note the events your scout participated in.*** The summer activities that qualify are: Cotton Candy Sale, June Pack Bike Ride, July 4th Parade, August Cub Scout Day Camp, and August 20th Pack Kick Off.

**Recruiter Stripe**

Scout can earn the recruiter stripe by getting a friend to join our Pack. Click [here](http://usscouts.org/advance/recruiter.asp) for more details. Email Surat Perez at [surat.perez@gmail.com](mailto:surat.perez@gmail.com) if your scout qualifies.

**Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities**

Can you help with these events? Your time counts toward your volunteer hours. Click [here](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4dabae2caaf49-volunteer1) to sign up.

* August 20: Pack Kickoff and Rocket Launch Meeting
* September 9: Popcorn Order Pickup at Camp Herm
* September 21: Pack First Meeting, K-9 Unit Demonstration
* October 9: Coordinate the Orienteering Event
* October 15: Make S’mores for Pack Hike

**The Next Meridian District Round Table is on Thursday, August 25 a**t **7:30** at the LDS-San Ramon, 5025 Crow Canyon Rd. The topic will be program kickoff and recruitment. There’s free ice cream! All Den Leaders, Cubmasters, and Committee Members are encouraged to attend.

**The Next Pack Leadership Meeting is on September 7 at Grace Dagen’s home.** All Den Leaders, Pack Leaders, and parents who want to be more active are invited.