

Hi Leaders – pls. forward this to everyone in your den. Thanks!

Hi All! I just wanted to take a few moments to update everyone on our plans for the year for our pack! We all feel we had a great year last year and working on an even better one this year!

You'll find our current pack meeting schedule for the year attached below, so please put this into your calendars if you haven't already.

- ⇒ And, just so you know you can always get updates at www.pack309wyckoff.org (a web site work always in progress!).
- ⇒ And, for last minute updates on weather situations for outdoor events, we post updates on www.weatherclosings.com (Wyckoff, NJ, org type Other).

With a good dose of Cub Scout creativity, and a little help from the funds the pack earned last year from popcorn sales, we'll be looking to add some new elements of fun to our meetings. Pack meeting plans currently include:

- **Rocket Launch** – come join us Sunday 9/17, 9am – noon, Memorial Field, for a great blast off for the year! Scouts will make and launch rockets!
- **Search and Rescue** – come learn about search and rescue, and even meet a search and rescue crew with dog! (on a leash – don't worry, and with their trainers!).
- **North American Indian Tribes** – come learn about Indian tribes (maybe make a headdress before!), their crafts and lore. Also, we are hoping to have a performance by the Medicine Wheel Dancers from the Lenapehoking Lodge IX, if we get lucky!
- **Pinewood Derby** – It's back and as fun as ever! Don't forget – all cars must be new for this year! (and yeah, we got the pics from last year!).
- **Field Trip** – we're hoping we can arrange a fun trip to one of the local battleships! Logistics make it difficult to go to NYC Intrepid for this but there are plenty of others around!
- **Blue & Gold Luncheon** – Revamped last year as a family friendly lunchtime event, we're looking to make it a great one again.
- **Campout** – always a favorite – and if we can beat out the other pack, we'll even get the central campfire site this year!

So, what do we need in return? Just your commitment to be involved, support of your scouts in their endeavors and in reaching their scouting goals, and, how could I forget, Popcorn Sales!

Yes, our annual **popcorn sales** are just around the corner! Last year, we sold \$8,600 in popcorn, earning roughly \$2,800 for our pack. This was a great improvement over what was already a great year before. We use this money to to pay the district council to register the boys and for the services and training they provide, for Boys Life magazine (which every scout should be receiving – let us know if you're not), for people to come help us launch rockets and show and teach us great things, to pay for pinewood derby cars, patches for events, etc. So, we're not brimming in cash (did I say we need the money? 😊).

Our goal this year is **100% participation from each Den**. This means each scout selling at least one item. (Most sell more, but we'd like everyone to sell even just one box). As an added incentive, we're going to give a gift certificate to the top seller in each Den!! And, we'll continue to give gift certificates to the top 3 sellers in the pack, in addition to the great prizes the boys earn from Trails' End! I take my boys out each year to do this – it's a great way to walk the neighborhood, say hi to your neighbors and have some fun. And, the boys learn a little about being an entrepreneur! (Reminder: the boys should not be going door to door without adult supervision). But, this isn't intended to be a burden – what you are able to dedicate to it is up to you.

Also, in the spring, we will repeat our **Scouting For Food** (food drive) to benefit the Centers for Food Action in Mahwah. Last year, we collected an estimated 450+ bags of food through a table at Stop-n-Shop manned by the Bears (which ties in nicely with the 3rd grade requirement for community service) and through everyone's efforts to distribute bags and collect food. We had a great time and did something to really help out in the community. We'll look to do the same again, and a big thanks to Topcon Corporation for volunteering the truck and smiling driver!

So, that's it for now. I want to wish everyone a great year, a great year in scouting, and look forward to seeing everyone soon!

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Pack 309 Meeting Schedule 2006-2007

Date	Time	Place	Event
September 17	9:00am – Noon	Memorial Field	Rocket Launch
October 20	7:30pm – 9pm	Coolidge	
November 17	7:30pm - 9pm	Lincoln	
December 8	7:30pm – 9pm	Eisenhower Cafetorium	
January 19	7:30pm – 9pm	Wyckoff Reformed Church	Pinewood Derby Weigh-in
January 20	10am – 4pm	Wyckoff Reformed Church	Pinewood Derby
February 24	Noon – 3pm	Wyckoff Reformed Church	Blue & Gold
March 16	7:30pm – 9pm	Lincoln School	
April 13	7:30pm – 9pm	Coolidge	
May 18	7:30pm – 9pm	Eisenhower Cafetorium	Advancement
June 17 – June 18			Annual campout

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