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Indian Nation

Do you know who lived where you live 500 years ago? Dens will learn about the American Indian tribe currently living in their part of the country or the tribes that previously lived in their area. You are encouraged to invite a local tribe to help learn how Native Americans show their respect for Mother Earth and how "we are all related." The boys will learn about the harvesting and preparation of native foods and discover how good these foods taste. Develop an understanding of the importance of traditional oral history as a way of teaching lessons and recording history.



Gift Wrapping Fundraiser

This year Pack 730 has been invited to participate in the gift wrapping fundraiser that Sports Chalet is having. There will be two other scout groups involved. Troop 777 is coordinating the fundraiser and Packs 737 and our pack have been invited to join in. The fundraiser will be on December 15-24 from 9AM-10PM. Sport Chalet is supplying the wrapping paper, tape and other materials. The money generated is from the donations the customers give the scouts for wrapping the gifts. These donations will then be split between the three groups according to the amount of time each group spends at the fundraiser.

Troop 777 has first "choice" of times. The biggest concern is coverage during the weekday days (when most people are at work). The packs will be given the opportunity to sign up for given times once the troop has made their selections. The monies will be distributed to each troop or pack according to how many hours the unit participates in the fundraiser. So the more hours the pack works the larger percentage we will receive.

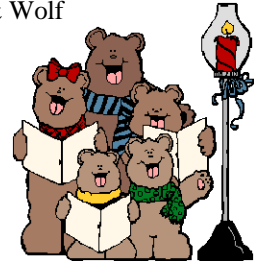
The scouts will be earning money for both their own scout funds and for the pack. The scout can use the money earned for any scouting expense and if he still has some funds available when he transitions to a troop, those funds will be transferred to the troop also. The funds will be distributed among the participants according to how many hours each person participates in the fundraiser. Each scout will receive 60% of the profits for their personal

scout account (the other 40% goes to the general pack fund). If the pack earns over \$1,500 these percentages will change to 70% for the individual scout fund and 30% to the general pack account. So sign up for as many hours as possible so we can reach this goal.

Food Drive

We will be having a food drive on December 1, 2007 from 10:00AM through 2:00 PM, at the VONS on Diamond Bar Blvd. Each den will be responsible for one (1) hour shift. We will be handing out flyers asking for food donations that we will be giving to the local churches. The tentative schedule is:

- 10:00 – 11:00 – Tigers & Wolf
- 11:00 – 12:00 – Bear
- 12:00 – 1:00 – Webelo I
- 1:00 – 2:00 – Webelo II



Caroling

We will be having our annual caroling outing on December 7 at Lanterman at 7 PM. This is fairly early in the month so hopefully everyone will be able to attend. Just like in past years, after caroling we will meet at Mt. Calvary for hot coco and snacks. If you have any favorite holiday songs or if you play an instrument (i.e. acoustic guitar, etc) please bring them with you.

Pinewood Derby

The annual pinewood derby will be held in January 2008. Since there will be no formal pack meeting in December, we will be handing out the pinewood cars at the December 7th caroling outing. If for some reason you are unable to attend the caroling outing, your den leaders will have the cars available at the December den meetings (after December 7).

We will be utilizing the Partial Perfect-N Chart Generator system again to monitor the race. For those who have not been to the last couple of races, this is a computerized scoring system that ensures each participant races a minimum of four (4) times. In the past we have used the double-elimination scoring, which caused some



participants to be done racing after only two (2) heats. The PPN method seems to keep everyone more interested in the racing, since everyone is racing up to the final round.

We will be having trophies for each den (1st, 2nd, 3rd place), Pack Champion and "Best in Show" (best looking scout decorated car). We will be handing out flyers with all of the details after the next committee meeting

Rechartering

The council requires all troops and packs to complete their rechartering paperwork and turn all fees owed by Saturday December 1, 2007. If your scout is a "returning" scout, you do not need to fill out a new application, just submitting the yearly pack dues will keep the boy current for the council. New scouts must complete the registration form and submit the pack dues to be included on the pack records for the rechartering. The pack fees can be turned into your den leader or the pack treasurer. Please note that until the pack fees are paid the scout will not be able to receive any awards or their pinewood derby car. So please turn in the pack dues as soon as you possibly can.

Where the Money Goes

During our last committee meeting it was discussed again that we are spending over what we are bringing in for the last couple of years. Given that there has not been an increase in pack fees for over six (6) years it was decided to raise the fees by \$15 to a fee of \$70 annually. Given this increase and without any fundraisers we will still be negative \$6 per scout for expenses. The committee decided that to minimize the financial burden to the pack parents we would refund the increase in yearly pack dues if we generate enough pack income in the gift wrapping fundraiser. This would require the pack to generate over \$2,000 in the fundraiser to offset the refunds. If there are any questions or suggestions please speak to one of the leaders.

Next Pack Meeting

Celebrations Around The World

December is marked by days of celebration and observance for many cultures and faiths around the world. Christmas, Chanukah, Ramadan, Rohatsu, Yule and Kwanzaa all occur this month. Find out how the celebrations in another country are similar and different than those in the USA. Compare your own family's customs and traditions with others in your community.

Invite an adult from another nation to come to your pack meeting to tell how their family celebrates.

Blue and Gold Committee

The pack is looking for volunteers to be on the Blue and Gold banquet committee. This is our annual scouting "Birthday" banquet, which is celebrated in February. This year's theme will be "Chinese New Year". We are hoping to have one parent from each den sign up for the committee. The committee's tasks are to arrange the decorations, make sure the meal is planned and ordered and to send out invitations to honored guests. So if you are interested in helping please contact your den leader or the cubmaster.



Pack Calendar

- Dec 1** Food Drive
10 AM – 2 PM VONS
- Dec 7** Caroling
7 PM Lanterman
- Dec 15- 24** Package Wrapping
Fund Raiser (9AM-10PM)
- Dec 19** Committee Meeting
7:30 PM Taco Factory

Cubmaster Final Thought **GIGO**

Like any other profession, the computer field has a lot of special words, like pixel, RAM, ROM, crash, bits, bytes and nibbles. All these terms have precise meanings for computer specialists. My favorite is a made-up word. It's GIGO, spelt G-I-G-O. Does anyone know what it means? It stands for "Garbage In, Garbage Out."

That's the computer experts way of saying that if you put the wrong information into a computer you will get a false result. The computer is a marvelous machine, but it can only work with the data you feed it. If that data is wrong then the computer's answer will be wrong, too.

"Garbage In, Garbage Out" is true of the human mind, too. Your mind is the most powerful computer ever created, but like a home computer, it depends on what you put into it. For example, if you always hang around with guys that use terrible language, it will be imprinted in your brain's circuits, and it probably won't be long before garbage is coming out of your mouth, too. Same thing with actions. If your friends are always trying to rip things off or hurt other people in some way, you can almost be sure that you'll pick up their habits. So when you're choosing friends, remember GIGO - Garbage In, Garbage Out.