



Pack 39
Marlborough, CT

Akela's Newsletter *November 6, 2013*

Welcome to pack meeting Number 3 of the 2013-2014 year. Here is some important information on upcoming activities and other pack happenings:

Next Pack Meeting: The next pack meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 11th at 6:30 to 8:00 at the School Cafeteria.

- This Pack meeting will be the annual Cookie Swap. Each family is asked to bring 2 dozen cookies. All cookies will be out on a table and all attendees will partake in them during a cookie snack time. The pack will provide Milk and water for drinks to have with the cookies.
 - This year we have a couple scouts that are highly allergic to Peanuts. If you can and are willing, please bring cookies that are nut and peanut free so that they can take part in this activity.
 - Any cookies made that are absolutely “peanut allergy safe” should be labeled as such. We will separate cookies on different tables to accommodate the ingredients.
 - Each den should have a skit or song prepared as entertainment while we have our cookies.
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- The Pack Hike is scheduled for Nov. 17th. The details of this will be forwarded as they are finalized.
- On November 20th there will be a Den Meeting night, followed by a parent/ leaders meeting. This will start at 6:30 in the school café and will go to about 8:00. We will have activities for the scouts to do while we conduct our meeting.

This night is designed to provide another meeting opportunity for each den. The café will be split into quarters and each den will have a corner of the cafe. Mr. Steinbrecher will be available to help with skills if you would like. The pack flags will be there as well so that dens can practice being a color guard.

- **Update on Trip to the Intrepid Air Craft Carrier:**
 - Current pricing for a bus is just over \$2000 for a round trip up to 53 passengers. I need to know how many that are signed up for the trip will commit to taking the bus.
 - The next installment for the trip is due at the next Pack meeting (Dec. 11th) and should be \$50 for each person going.
 - We will have a few can drives to help offset the cost of the bus. If we make \$250 per can drive, the total will be \$750 off the bottom line Total would be aprox \$32 per person for the ride. (if all 43 currently signed, up take the bus) **(We exceeded the estimate on the first can drive by almost \$100 Awesome job to all who helped.)**



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- We need scouts that are going on the trip to volunteer, with their parents, to work these can drives.
 - The Next can drive will be scheduled for a Saturday at the beginning of January.
 - We will open the trip up to Siblings and additional parent to fill the bus and disperse the cost over more attendees. Note: the minimum age for visitors to the Intrepid is 6 years old. This is a first come first serve basis- once the space is filled no more reservations will be taken.
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- New t-shirts in Youth small and Youth Medium are here.
 - Training Pow Wow- November 16th at the East Windsor High school. The pack will pay for anybody interested in participating in a day of training.
 - www.pack39.com - The Pack webpage is UPDATED.... Tom Paquette is the Web Master for the Pack. (webmaster@pack39.com).
 - Facebook: "Like" Cub Scout Pack 39 for Facebook updates.
 - **Volunteers needed** – The following positions are open and volunteers are needed to fill them. Please consider helping the pack to provide your son with a valuable Scout Program. I would be happy to discuss any of these positions/ jobs with you. (see additional sign-up sheet to be circulated)
 - **Assistant Pack Leader**
 - **Summer Camp/ Camping Chair** – must attend summer camp with boys and be willing to plan additional Pack/ Family camping trip
 - **Parents to run events for next year (Committee Members)**
 - Pack sleep over... make reservations; collect money; give pack updates and ask for participants
 - Blue and Gold Banquet
 - Pine Wood derby