



Smoke Signals

September 2011

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

If you are new to Pack 628 or to Scouting, welcome! We have some great events planned: overnight campouts; Pinewood Derby; Chariot Races; Fishing Derby food collection for the Frederick Food Bank, and the annual Blue & Gold Banquet to name a few. Here are a few more reasons why parents love Pack 628:

- Builds children's self esteem
- Kids have fun learning practical skills and knowledge
- Lots of recognition of achievement
- Trips to enjoyable places you might not get to otherwise
- Meet other families with similar interests
- Parents and siblings are involved
- Learn about community
- Easy participation in high-quality events without doing it all yourself

Here's how a typical month works in Cub Scouting:

- Dens meet one or two afternoons/evenings a month; boys do activities toward requirements for achievement awards.
- Possible field trips; conservation/cleanup projects in the community
- Pack meetings are family events that are one evening a month on Wednesday, and feature award recognition and fun activities.

What Pack 628 is NOT:

- Militaristic – Boys generally like wearing the Scout uniform.
- Exclusive – We welcome boys and families of all backgrounds.
- Particularly Religious – Scouting intentionally embraces all religions of God and offers achievement awards for learning about 25 of the world's religions.

Dates to Remember

- October 8-9 – Pack Campout at Ft. Frederick State Park (Check-in: 1:30pm)
- October 15 – Webelos visit "Caveman" Camporee (Walkersville Watershed)
- October 22-23 – Webelos Campout (Walkersville Watershed)
- October 26 – Pack Meeting, 7pm DCES

PACK 628 WEBSITE

Our Pack Website: <http://www.ncacpack628.org> is a prime source of information pertaining to the Pack organization, forms, information on our activities, newsletters, and popcorn fundraising. One of the most accessed items on the website is our Pack Calendar, which lists when and where Den Meetings will be held, as well as Pack events.

POPCORN!

It's that time of year again!!! Popcorn is here... please call or see "Kernel" Deedee Repass to get some popcorn and order forms for selling door-to-door (call 301-865-3074 or email rdrepass@comcast.net). Here are the incentive levels:

- Bonus Prizes - Prizes for selling \$250, \$350, \$450 worth of popcorn.
- The \$600 Club - Scouts who sell \$600 or more, will earn a "Zyclone" and a special patch from Trail's End Popcorn.
- Fill the Sheet Challenge - Complete an order sheet and receive 2 tickets to a Washington Nationals Baseball Game in 2012, and be entered into a drawing for \$100 Wal*Mart Gift Card
- Top Sellers - Earn a \$50 Wal*Mart Gift Card.

Sign up to help at table sales at: <http://doodle.com/bhq64xdwhwiyqngt>. We will have table sales at the Lowes near Wegman's.

Please see our website for more information at: www.ncacpack628.org/popcorn.html





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INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event of inclement weather, the Pack Committee will make the decision on cancellation of the pack activity. Den Leaders will make every effort to contact the parents in their Den and an email will be sent to the entire Pack regarding the status of the event.

CAMPING OPPORTUNITY

Pack 628 typically camps out overnight twice a year; once in the fall, and again in the spring. Our first campout will be on Saturday, October 8th at [Fort Frederick State Park](#) in Washington County.

Camp check-in and setup will begin around 1:30pm. We understand that many of our Scouts have sports obligations, so please don't worry about late arrival. Scouts will be learning Emergency Preparedness, which includes First Aid skills. There will be a campfire ceremony Saturday evening. Permission forms as well as medical forms are due at the September pack meeting on September 28th. Forms can be found on our Web site: <http://ncacpack628.org/forms.html>. For more info, contact RJ Grenier at 240-315-7427 or Earl Feb at 301-865-0241.

"CAVEMAN" CAMPOREE

Webelos will have the opportunity to work with Boy Scout Troop 628 on Saturday, October 15th from 9am – 12pm at the Walkersville Watershed to learn "Caveman" skills, including cooking without utensils. Participating in this event, as well as the Overnight Pack or Webelos Campout(s) will help earn credit toward the [Outdoorsman](#) Activity Badge. For more info, contact RJ Grenier at 240-315-7427 or Earl Feb at 301-865-0241.

CAMPING OPPORTUNITY FOR WEBELOS

The Webelos Dens will have an opportunity to camp at Pack 628's new campsite at the Walkersville Watershed (located off Chestnut Grove Rd between Rte. 26 and Daysville Rd). The theme will center

around campout cooking. Webelos leaders and parents: watch your email for more information.

For more information, or to volunteer help at the campout, please contact Earl Feb at 301-865-0241 or efeb@att.blackberry.net.

ADVANCEMENTS

Den Leaders – all advancements/achievements need to be entered into PackMaster by the Friday before each Pack Meeting so that items may be awarded at the Pack Meeting! Please see Deedee Repass for questions or more information.

WE NEED YOU!

The Pack 628 Committee helps to plan the Scouting program and events for the Pack. There are a few positions that need to be filled: Secretary; Fundraising; and Derbies. Each of these positions are important to "help the Pack go". If you are interested, please contact Deedee Repass, Committee Chair, at 301-865-3074 or email rdrepass@comcast.net.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We also need volunteers to help out with our Pack events. We are an active pack! We have several events where your help would be appreciated:

- October: Overnight Camping
- November: Scouting for Food
- December: Christmas Pack Meeting
- January: Space Derby
- February: Pinewood Derby
- March: Blue and Gold Banquet
- April: Fishing Derby
- May: Overnight Camping
- June: Graduation
- July: Raingutter Regatta
- August: Pushcart Extravaganza





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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED (*continued*)

If you are able and willing to help, please contact Deedee Repass (301-865-3074 or email rdrepass@comcast.net).

LEADER TRAINING

All den leaders must have their training done for the pack to be able to recharter this year. Training opportunities are typically offered at the monthly Catoclin Mountain District Roundtable Meetings (2nd Tuesday of each month). The pack will offer reimbursement for any training costs incurred; save your receipt and print out disbursement form from pack website (under "Forms"):

<http://ncacpack628.org/pdf/forms/Pack628Disbursement.pdf>. For more information about training opportunities, contact Earl Feb at 301-865-0241 or efeb@att.blackberry.net, or Colby Child, District Training Chairman, at 301-271-4111 (email: mudrat@erols.com).

PACK 628 DEN LEADERS

| Den | Rank | Leader | Asst. Leader |
|-----|--------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| 3 | Tiger | Tim Coody | John Yost |
| 10 | Tiger | Wayne Clague | Tim Spahr |
| 6 | Wolf | Jeff Long | |
| 9 | Wolf | Pam Lepin | Kim Vera, Andrew Redman |
| 5 | Bear | Steve Boucher | Brandon Crabb |
| 7 | Bear | Brian Miller | |
| 12 | Bear | David Gold | Eric Kuder |
| 4 | Web I | Jeremy Leftwich | Bob Walsh |
| 8 | Web I | Amy Downes | RJ Grenier |
| 2 | Web II | Paul Deacon | Julie Delany |
| 11 | Web II | Earl Feb | Ken Pryor |

PACK 628 COMMITTEE

| Position | Name | Number |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Charter Org. Rep. | Russel Repass | 301-865-3074 |
| Committee Chair | Deedee Repass | 301-865-3074 |
| Cubmaster | RJ Grenier | 240-315-7427 |
| Asst. Cubmaster | Bob Walsh | 301-865-0558 |
| Asst. Cubmaster | Doug Proctor | 301-865-3589 |
| Advancement | Deedee Repass | 301-865-3074 |
| Membership | Lisa Long | 301-898-8939 |
| Secretary | VACANT | |
| Fundraiser | VACANT | |
| Training | Earl Feb | 301-865-0241 |
| Outdoors | Earl Feb | 301-865-0241 |
| Derbies | VACANT | |
| Treasurer | Beth Proctor | 301-865-3589 |
| Scouting for Food Coordinators | Ann Bedard / Jen Crabb | 301-865-1114 301-865-6780 |

