# Cub Scout Pack 828

February 2009

## Letter from the Editor

Have you ever played a game and didn't like the way that it turned out and you said "DO OVER!!"

You are supposed to get a Pack Newsletter once a month, but this year you have not received many since before the holidays. There is a reason for that. I needed a "Do Over!" Now, you boys may not understand what happened to the newsletter, but some of your parents will. The newsletter document template became corrupted. For you boys, all you need to know is that was not a good thing.

So, I took my "Do Over!" Now you will receive your newsletter and hopefully it will be better than ever!!

There are lots of things to talk about in this newsletter. Many exciting things that are coming up for our Pack, such as The Blue and Gold Banquet tonight, Spring camping at Enchanted Rock, Cub Scout Day Camp and much, much more.

So what are we waiting for? Let's get to it! Time's a wastin'! It's time for our Do Over!

Ingrid Stassi
Editor

## Calendar of Events

February

27 Blue and Gold Banquet
Austin Parkway Elementary
6:00 p.m.

March

14 Pack Parents Meeting – 7 p.m.
David Weekley Model Home – Riverstone

30 Pack Meeting
Scout Fair Ticket turn in
Austin Parkway Elementary
7:00

April

18 Scout Fair
Reliant Arena
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

25 Pack Parent's Meeting
David Weekley Model Home—Riverstone

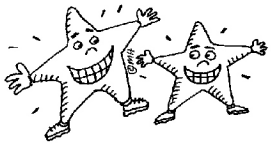
27 Pack Meeting
Scout Fair Ticket turn in
Cub Scout Day Camp Registration
Austin Parkway Elementary
7:00

**Spring Family Campout May 1-3**

## Awards and Recognitions

Part of being a scout is the joy in being recognized for a job well done. If a cub scout, leader, or volunteer has done something exceptional or has been recognized for a job well done, we would like to honor him in this section of the newsletter.

★ Congratulations to all who placed in the Pinewood Derby.



Please email Ingrid Stassi (ingridst@yahoo.com) with the person's name and award received.

## Volunteers Needed

Each family is required to help with one event per year. Registration will be at the October 22 Pack meeting. We are currently in need of the following position:

★ Volunteers for Day Camp in June
★ An assistant for the committee chairperson (Amy Pace)

### Newsletter Deadlines

Please turn in any articles you would like to see in the March newsletter by March 24 at the Pack Parent's meeting.

The March Newsletter will include March information about Scout Fair and Spring Campout.

## Book Nook

Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain (8-12)

Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain (8-12)

When Washington Crossed the Delaware: A Wintertime Story for Young Patriots by Lynn Cheney (5-8)

John Hancock: Presidents and Patriots of Our Country by Candice Ransom (7-10)

Young Patriot: The American Revolution as Experienced by a Young Boy by Jum Murphy (8-12)

Ben Franklin and His First Kite by Stephen Krensky (6-8)

Paul Revere: Patriot by Carin T. Ford (6-9)

Will Northaway and the Gathering Storm (Young American Patriots Series) (8-12)

Touching Spirit Bear by Ben Mikaelson (10)

Buffalo Before Breakfast by Mary Pope Osborne (6-9)

Revolutionary War on Wednesday by Mary Pope Osborne (6-9)

Lincoln's Legacy by Stacia Deutsch (7-10)

American Tall Tales by Mary Pope Osborne (8-11)

Encyclopedia of Native American Tribes by Carl Waldman (8-12)

The Indian in the cupboard by Lynn Reid Banks (9-12)

## Blue and Gold Banquet

In 1933, "Cub Leaders' Round Table" suggested Parent/Cub dinners. Soon thereafter, Pack 1 of Michigan City started a tradition of pot-lucks where the dads brought utensils made of wood, whittled by the Cub with his dad. In the 1930's, father/son 'bean dinners' and 'Cub family dinners' began to become commonplace. Finally, in 1943 the name "Blue and Gold Banquet" first appeared in BSA literature and became synonymous with "celebrating the birthday of Scouting."

The Blue and Gold banquet is one of the highlights of the year. It brings together the Pack's families for a dinner and an evening of fun. The meal is important, but even more important is the warm, congenial atmosphere created as families enjoy each other's company.

Tonight, the Blue and Gold Banquet for Pack 828 will be held at Austin Parkway Elementary School. The theme for the night is America. The doors will open at 5:50 p.m. with dinner to begin at 6:00 p.m.

Cost for the evening of entertainment, awards and fun is $10 for adults and $6 for children. Please RSVP by responding to the Evite invitation delivered to your email address and mail payment top Claudine Record made payable to Pack 828.

The menu consists of Grilled Chicken Breast with Creamy Herb Sauce, mashed potatoes, corn on the cob, BBQ baked beans, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese, gravy, fruit medley and drinks.

For dessert, enter a cake in the Cake Bake Contest. Awards will be given for cakes decorated in the following categories: American Landmark, Most Patriotic, Most Cub-Like, Tallest Cake, Most Texas Pride, and Most Colorful. Don't forget to name your cake creation!

For your entertainment pleasure, each den will participate in skits and make centerpieces for decorations. Your photos of Scouts are also needed. If you have photos of scouts taken throughout this school year that you would like to see in a slideshow, please email them or mail disc to Claudine Record at ejrpgh@aol.com (4418 Dellla Creek Way, MC, 77459, phone 281-499-4603).

A collection of toiletries for the Veterans Hospital of Houston will be taken during the evening. Items needed are toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, lotion, shaving cream, etc.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to 100% attendance. It's going to be a good time!

## Popcorn Recall

Trail's End is having a voluntary recall of the 9.5 oz. Trail's End® Caramel Corn with Peanuts marked with code date of 102861 109 JAN 19 08" through "102861 297 JUL 23 09".

In an additional statement to the Boy Scouts, Trail's end states there have been no helath realted complaints regarding the 9.5 oz. Trail's End Caramel Corn with Peanuts during 2007, 2008, and 2009.

In addition, samples of both the peanuts and Trail's End Caramel Corn with Peanuts have been tested by a nationally recognized lab for the presence of Salmonella. All tests were negative for the presence of Salmonella.

We have also had a nationally recognized expert in Salmonella complete a thorough inspection and review of the manufacturing process and has advised that no Salmonella organisms would survive the manufacturing heat process.

## Scout Fair

The Sam Houston Area Council invites you to join all area scouts on Saturday, April 18, 2009 to the annual Scout Fair at the Reliant Arena 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Scout Fair is a great way for your unit to raise the necessary funds needed to operate a top quality program. Selling Scout Fair Value Packs can add thousands of dollars to your unit's treasury.

Scouts, check out the neat items that you can earn by selling Value Coupons. Earn the fee for your District Day Camp or Cub Scout Summer Camp. Scouts can earn neat prizes like a DVD player, Altimeter Watch, 100th Anniversary knife, or a special BSA Monopoly game.

Your scout can earn Triple Stamps through March 23rd. The Double Stamp period runs from March 24th to April 13th.

There will be a weekly drawing for a backpack takes place each Friday beginning February 20th.

## Camping at Enchanted Rock

The Spring campout will be at Enchanted Rock May 1-3 at water only sites! The cost for the campout is $20 per family, including overnight site rental and s'mores!!

Enchanted Rock is an awesome place! It is a little further away than the immediate area, but well worth the journey!

Enchanted Rock was designated a National Natural Landmark in 1970 and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1984. The Rock is a huge, pink granite exfoliation dome, that rises 425 feet above ground, 1825 feet above sea level, and covers 640 acres. It is one of the largest batholiths (underground rock formation uncovered by erosion) in the United States.

Visitors can enjoy primitive backpacking, camping, hiking, technical and rock climbing, picnicking, geological study, bird watching, and star gazing (minimal light pollution).

Facilities include restrooms with showers; walk-in water sites (25 to 100 yards) with tent pads, picnic tables, fire rings, and water and restrooms with showers nearby; hike-in primitive sites, located in three unique areas with composting toilets (backpack camping in designated areas only); picnic sites for day-use with tables and grills; a group picnic area with a pavilion and restrooms; a 4-mile trail for backpacking/day hiking that winds around the granite formations; a short, steep trail leading up to the top of Enchanted Rock (foot traffic only); an interpretive center; and a Texas State Park Store.

The park is 18 miles north of Fredericksburg on Ranch Road 965, or from Llano, take State Highway 16 for 14 miles south and then go west on Ranch Road 965.

# Folding the American Flag

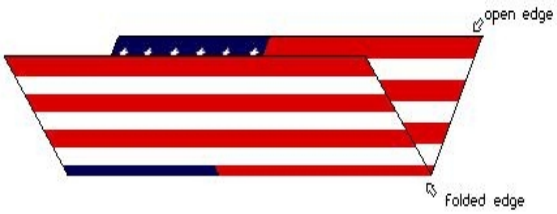
As an Army and Navy custom, the flag is lowered daily at the last note of retreat. Special care should be taken that no part of the flag touches the ground. The Flag is then carefully folded into the shape of a tri-cornered hat, emblematic of the hats worn by colonial soldiers during the war for Independence. In the folding, the red and white stripes are finally wrapped into the blue, as the light of day vanishes into the darkness of night.

This custom of special folding is reserved for the United States Flag alone.

**How to fold the Flag**

Step 1 - To properly fold the Flag, begin by holding it waist-high with another person so that its surface is parallel to the ground.

Step 2 - Fold the lower half of the stripe section lengthwise over the field of stars, holding the bottom and top edges securely.




Step 3 - Fold the flag again lengthwise with the blue field on the outside.

Step 4 - Make a triangular fold by bringing the striped corner of the folded edge to meet the open (top) edge of the flag.

Step 5 - Turn the outer (end) point inward, parallel to the open edge, to form a second triangle.

Step 6 - The triangular folding is continued until the entire length of the flag is folded in this manner.

Step 7 - When the flag is completely folded, only a triangular blue field of stars should be visible.

# Flag Folding Ceremony

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The flag folding ceremony described by the Uniformed Services is a dramatic and uplifting way to honor the flag on special days, like Memorial Day or Veterans Day, and is sometimes used at retirement ceremonies.

Here is a typical sequence of the reading:

(Begin reading as Honor Guard or Flag Detail is coming forward).

The flag folding ceremony represents the same religious principles on which our country was originally founded. The portion of the flag denoting honor is the canton of blue containing the stars representing the states our veterans served in uniform. The canton field of blue dresses from left to right and is inverted when draped as a pall on a casket of a veteran who has served our country in uniform.

In the Armed Forces of the United States, at the ceremony of retreat the flag is lowered, folded in a triangle fold and kept under watch throughout the night as a tribute to our nation's honored dead. The next morning it is brought out and, at the ceremony of reveille, run aloft as a symbol of our belief in the resurrection of the body.

(Wait for the Honor Guard or Flag Detail to unravel and fold the flag into a quarter fold--resume reading when Honor Guard is standing ready.)

The first fold of our flag is a symbol of life.

The second fold is a symbol of our belief in the eternal life.

The third fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veteran departing our ranks who gave a portion of life for the defense of our country to attain a peace throughout the world.

The fourth fold represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in times of war for His divine guidance.

The fifth fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong."

The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The seventh fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.

The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered in to the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor mother, for whom it flies on mother's day.

The ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood; for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great have been molded.

The tenth fold is a tribute to father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since they were first born.

The eleventh fold, in the eyes of a Hebrew citizen, represents the lower portion of the seal of King

David and King Solomon, and glorifies, in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

The twelfth fold, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost.

When the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our national motto, "In God we Trust."

(Wait for the Honor Guard or Flag Detail to inspect the flag--after the inspection, resume reading.)

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington and the sailors and marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges, and freedoms we enjoy today.

## American History

Brush up on American History. Follow the links below to learn about the U.S. Constitution, The Charters, The Declaration of Independence and much, much more.

http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/constitution.html

http://www.ushistory.org/Declaration/index.htm