

# Pack

# 141

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# Cub News

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## Important Dates To Remember:



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**May 26** Community Service Project (CSP): Memorial Day Flag Ceremony

**June 2** Annual Family Picnic

**June 20-22** Cub Scout Day Camp

**July 4** Christiansburg July 4th Celebration

**July 14** Community Service Project (CSP): Adopt-A-Street Program (Trash Pickup)

**July 27** July Summer Activity: Pool Party @ The Frog Pond

**August 10** August Summer Activity: Putt-Putt @ Cox's Driving Range

**August 17** Touch-A-Truck NRV Festival @ NRV Mall

**August (TBA)** August Summer Event: Salem Red Sox Game

**September 26** Pack Meeting

For more information, find our Pack calendar at:

<http://cspack141.org/calendar/calendar.html>

**GRADUATION:** This brings us to the close of another great Scouting year. We have all worked hard on getting the scouts to the next level and they have worked equally as hard on getting there. I would like to thank all of my Den Leaders and Volunteers for their help, time, and effort in making this a very successful scouting year. We have made great strides over the past year and without your help, we would not have the quality program that we have. I would like to congratulate all the Scouts on their achievements and hope that they will continue the hard work at the next level and for the rest of their lives. To all the parents, I thank you for attending and participating in the programs that were offered. Without you, there would be no Pack 141. I pray for safe travels through the summer vacation season and I look forward to the start of a new Scouting year. Again, congratulations to all the Scouters and thank you to all the volunteers and parents.

**PACK AND TROOP SUMMER RECRUITMENT AND PROMOTIONS:** During the summer vacation, we will be out and about promoting our Cub Scouts and Frontier Girls programs. We currently plan to participate in the Town of Christiansburg July 4th Celebration in July and in the Touch-A-Truck NRV Festival in August. If you find yourself free and available to attend either or both of these events, please put on your uniforms (Class A or Class B) and come out and help with the promotions. We also ask for your help by spreading the word about our Family of Scouting programs to your family, friends, co-workers, church members, or anyone else you think would enjoy what we have to offer. We now offer programs for both boys and girls of all ages in one location, which includes our Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Frontier Girls programs. We refer to this as the Christiansburg Presbyterian Church's Family of Scouting Program. So, please help us to spread the word about these three awesome programs. We thank you in advance and we look forward to seeing you all out and about. Have a great and blessed summer.

**SUMMER PROGRAMS:** During the summer months, we still get together once a month for an activity. This year we have planned our Annual Family Picnic for Sunday, June 2 from 3-9 p.m. at Shelter 1 next to the Montgomery County Frog Pond. This is a family event, so bring your entire family to this event. Basically, come out for food, fun, and fellowship. We also have planned a Community Service Project and Pool Party in July, and Putt-Putt for August. We are also looking at attending a baseball game.

**Let's catch the SCOUTING SPIRIT!**

## *The Cubmaster Minutes:*

### COFFEE CUPS

A group of alumni, highly established in their careers, got together to visit their old university professor. Conversation soon turned into complaints about stress in work and life. Offering his guests coffee, the professor went to the kitchen and returned with a large pot of coffee and an assortment of cups - porcelain, plastic, glass, crystal, some plain looking, some expensive, some exquisite - telling them to help themselves to the coffee.

When all the students had a cup of coffee in hand, the professor said:

**"If you noticed, all the nice looking expensive cups were taken up, leaving behind the plain and cheap ones. While it is normal for you to want only the best for yourselves, that is the source of your problems and stress. Be assured that the cup itself adds no quality to the coffee. In most cases it is just more expensive and in some cases even hides what we drink. What all of you really wanted was coffee, not the cup, but you consciously went for the best cups."**

And then you began eyeing each other's cups. **"Now consider this: Life is the coffee; the jobs, money and position in society are the cups. They are just tools to hold and contain Life, and the type of cup we have does not define, nor change the quality of Life we live. Sometimes, by concentrating only on the cup, we fail to enjoy the coffee provided us. A higher power brews the coffee, not the cups. Enjoy your coffee! The happiest people don't have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything."**

Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. You are the miracle.

### The Legend Of The Cherokee Indian Youth

Do you know the legend of the Cherokee Indian Youth's Rite of Passage?

The father takes him into the forest, blindfolds him, and leaves him alone. He is required to sit on a stump the whole night and not remove the blindfold until the rays of the morning sunshine through it. He cannot cry out for help to anyone. Once he survives the night, he is a **MAN**. He cannot tell the other boys of this experience, because each lad must come into manhood on his own.

The boy is naturally terrified. He can hear all kinds of noises. Wild beasts must surely be all around him. Maybe even some human might do him harm. The wind blew the grass and earth, and shook his stump, but he sat stoically, never removing the blindfold. It would be the only way he could become a man. Finally, after a horrific night, the sun appeared and he removed his blindfold. It was then that he discovered his father sitting on the stump next to him. He had been at watch the entire night, protecting his son from harm.

We, too, are never alone. Even when we do not know it, God is watching over us, sitting on the stump beside us. When trouble comes, all we have to do is reach out to Him.

Moral of the story: Just because you cannot see God, does not mean He is not there. **"For we walk by faith, not by sight" (II Corinthians 5:7).**

### A PARENT'S PRAYER:

Thank you for my children, Lord; I know they are a gift from you. Daily I need your strength and wisdom to train them in the way they should go. Give me patience and a joyful heart; let me be an example of your love and forgiveness. Thank you, Father, for the honor of being a parent. Amen.

## *Announcements:*

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT (CSP): MEMORIAL DAY FLAG CEREMONY:**

We have a joint CPC Family of Scouting Community Service Project coming up on Sunday, May 26 starting at 2:00 p.m.. We will be at Roselawn Memorial Gardens on North Franklin Street to honor our Veterans this Memorial Day. Mr. Brandon Daigle, a former scout, who works at the Gardens will be helping us with this project. Activities will include learning how to identify what a Veteran's marker looks like on a grave marker, distribution of American flags to honor those Veterans, making stars and stripes wreaths for those Veterans in the mausoleum, coloring branch flags and making them a part of a mural, and completing Thank You cards for the families of our Veterans so that they can be mailed out to them. Also, Roselawn has a new Individual Release and Waiver Form that everyone in attendance will need to complete and sign for the event. Please mark your calendar and plan to come out to help us with this community service project. Thank you in advance for your time and dedication and for providing a lot of goodwill to our community.

### **EVENTS FROM THE COUNCIL:**

See the "Announcements" page (under the "News" tab on the main menu bar of our website).

### **EMAIL LIST UPDATES:**

Please make sure the Pack has your current or any additional e-mail addresses that you would like to have Pack information sent. If you have a new email address or another address that you would like to add to our distribution list, please email the Cubmaster the information and the information will be distributed to the appropriate Den Leaders. Please include the name to whom the address belongs and the scout's name that the address is to be connected to.

### **PERSONAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL FORMS:**

Do not forget that every Scout in the Pack is required to have a 2018-2019 Medical Form on file. Forms are available under the "Forms / Guides" tab on the main menu bar on our website.

### **PACK PICTURES:**

Pictures of our activities are posted on our **Facebook Page (@CSPack141)**. Please know that we **"do not tag"** images/photos and discourage the practice for privacy purposes. If you would like to opt out of having images/photos of your son or any members of your family published/posted on either of these sites, please submit a signed and dated written request to the Cubmaster stating, ***"I do not grant Pack 141 or any of the organization's registered leaders permission to publish/post any images/photos on any social media sites that can clearly identify my son or any members of my family to the general public."***

### **PACK INFORMATION:**

We have several means by which you can keep track of all the upcoming events in our Pack. Every month we will send out our Monthly News Update via email, highlighting the upcoming events for the month. We will post much of the same information on our website on our "Announcements" page (under the "News" tab on the main menu bar). And we will post events weekly on our **Facebook Page**. We also have our Pack calendar on our website on our "Calendar" page (under the "Schedules" tab on the main menu bar). And you can always see our latest Cub News Newsletter on our "Newsletters" page (under the "News" tab on the main menu bar). Should you ever have a question, do not hesitate to contact any of the Pack leadership. We want you to be informed and we use these tools to keep you informed with the latest Pack information, events, and announcements.





# Pack Inspiration:

## FACT ABOUT CROWS

A fact you won't soon forget...

Researchers for the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority found over 200 dead crows near greater Boston recently, and there was concern that they may have died from Avian Flu. A Bird Pathologist examined the remains of all the crows, and, to everyone's relief, confirmed the problem was definitely NOT Avian Flu. The cause of death appeared to be vehicular impacts.

However, during the detailed analysis it was noted that varying colors of paints appeared on the bird's beaks and claws. By analyzing these paint residues, it was determined that 98% of the crows had been killed by impact with trucks, while only 2% were killed by an impact with a car.

MTA then hired an Ornithological Behaviorist to determine if there was a cause for the disproportionate percentages of truck kills versus car kills. He very quickly concluded the cause: When crows eat road kill, they always have a look-out crow in a nearby tree to warn of impending danger.

They discovered that while all the lookout crows could shout "**Cah,**" not a single one could shout "**Truck.**"

Just remember, "**A cheerful heart does good like medicine, but a broken spirit makes one sick**" Proverbs 17:22 (TLB). Blessings.

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## SOMETHING INSPIRATIONAL

**AN INSIDE JOB:** *The answer lies within ourselves. If we can't find peace and happiness there, it's not going to come from outside. Your peace is directly linked to what you think. Your peace is directly link to your knowledge of God. "Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, according as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue" (II Peter 1:2-3). Peace is an inside job.*

*"The second most courageous thing you can do is to think for yourself. The number one most courageous thing you can do is to think for yourself out loud."*

*"The biggest communication problem is we do not listen to understand. We listen to reply."*

*"When you feel you can't take it anymore. Take it to God and give it to him. Nothing is too big or too small for God to handle."*

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## NEWSLETTER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

If you have any announcements for our Newsletter, please email Ms. Sallie Matney at [matneysallie5@gmail.com](mailto:matneysallie5@gmail.com) by the Sunday before the Pack meeting so she can add your information before the newsletter goes to print. All announcements must be approved before they will appear in the newsletter.