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Important Dates To Remember:

November 20 Popcorn money due at Council

November 26 Thanksgiving Day

November 27 Native American Heritage Day

November 30 Online Renewals for Individual Pack Memberships

December 11 Christiansburg Christmas Parade

Devember 17 Pack Meeting: Plays and Skits

December 25 Christmas

January 1 New Year's Day

January 17 CSP: Adopt-A-Street Trash Pickup Program

January 28 Red, White, Blue, and Gold Banquet.

February 6 Pinewood Derby Car Shop

February 7 Family of Scouting Sunday

For more information, find our Pack calendar at:
http://cspack141.org/calendar/calendar.html

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Happy Thanksgiving to the CS Pack 141 and FG Troop 377 family. We pray that each of you will have a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving Day. We pray for safe travels for each of you that will be traveling the roadways during the holiday. We also pray that you will enjoy all of your blessings, for we know that they be plentiful. We would like you to know that we are so thankful that you are a part of this family and we give thanks to God for each and every one of you, for you all are a blessing to us. Remember, there is always something that we can be thankful for, Amen. Continued blessings.

CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to the winners of the costume contest. All of the participants had great costumes and I know it was tough for the judges. Thanks to the judges for their help in judging the contest. We know it was not an easy task and we really do appreciate your contributions.

FALL CARNIVAL: Thanks to all who helped to make the Fall Carnival a great success. All had a great time.

POPCORN UPDATE: First, thanks to all who participated in this event to help raise money for the Pack in our effort to keep your out-of-pocket expenses down. If you have not turned in your popcorn money, please collect all money and turn it in ASAP. Remember to make checks payable to **Pack 141.**

CHRISTMAS PARADE: The Christmas Parade is set for December 11 at 7:00 p.m. We will need to meet in the church parking lot at 6:00 p.m. to get lined up and ready to go. We will be walking this year. Refreshments will be served following the parade in the CPC Youth Center.

RED, WHITE, BLUE, AND GOLD BANQUET: This year, we will plan to hold Red, White, Blue and Gold Banquet here at CPC on Thursday, January 28, at 6:30 p.m. This event is always a time of great fellowship and awesome food. All who plan to attend, we ask that you bring your favorite covered vegetable or side dish. So, start making plans to attend one of our biggest events of the Scouting year.

Let's catch the SCOUTING SPIRIT!

The Cubmaster Minutes:

I WISH YOU ENOUGH

Recently I overheard a mother and daughter in their last moments together at the airport. They had announced the departure.

Standing near the security gate, they hugged and the mother said, "I love you and I wish you enough."

The daughter replied, **"Mom, our life together has been more than enough. Your love is all I ever needed. I wish you enough, too, Mom."** They kissed and the daughter left. The mother walked over to the window where I was seated. Standing there I could see she wanted and needed to cry. I tried not to intrude on her privacy but she welcomed me in by asking, **"Did you ever say good-bye to someone knowing it would be forever?"**

"Yes, I have," I replied. **"Forgive me for asking, but why is this a forever good-bye?" "I am old and she lives so far away. I have challenges ahead and the reality is the next trip back will be for my funeral,"** she said. **"When you were saying good-bye, I heard you say, 'I wish you enough.' May I ask what that means?".** She began to smile. **"That's a wish that has been handed down from other generations. My parents used to say it to everyone."** She paused a moment and looked up as if trying to remember it in detail and she smiled even more. **"When we said, 'I wish you enough,' we were wanting the other person to have a life filled with just enough good things to sustain them."**

Then turning toward me, she shared the following as if she were reciting it from memory.

I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright. I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun more. I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive. I wish you enough pain so that the smallest joys in life appear much bigger. I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting. I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess. I wish you enough hellos to get you through the final good-bye.

She then began to cry and walked away. They say it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but then an entire life to forget them.

TAKE TIME TO LIVE.... ENJOY THE MOMENTS YOU HAVE. DON'T LET LIFE PASS YOU BY. I WISH YOU ENOUGH

Pickup in the Rain

One night, at 11:30 p.m., an older African American woman was standing on the side of an Alabama highway trying to endure a lashing rainstorm. Her car had broken down and she desperately needed a ride. Soaking wet, she decided to flag down the next car. A young white man stopped to help her, generally unheard of in hose conflict-filled 60s. The man took her to safety, helped her get assistance, and put her into a taxicab.

She seemed to be in a big hurry, but wrote down his address and thanked him. Seven days went by and a knock came on the man's door. To his surprise, a giant console color TV was delivered to his home. A special note was attached. It read:

"Thank you so much for assisting me on the highway the other night. The rain drenched not only my clothes, but also my spirits. Then you came along. Because of you, I was able to make it to my dying husband's bedside just before he passed away. God bless you for helping me and unselfishly serving others."

Sincerely,
Mrs. Nat King Cole

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:

$$ DUES $$:

We are currently collecting Pack dues, but there are a few changes we need to make you aware of. This year, remember that you have to renew your scout memberships online. BRMC Council fees have increased. Scouting America National fees and Scouting Life Magazine subscriptions remain unchanged. Pack 141 dues remain the same as well ($30/$35). If for some reason you have an issue paying your dues, please contact the Cubmaster so that other arrangements can be made to help get them paid. Remember there is a $5.00 discount per scout / frontier for families with more than one scout or frontier in any of our Family of Scouting programs. Please make checks payable to **Pack 141** Just a reminder that the Pack re-charters in December.

DECEMBER PACK MEETING:

December's Pack meeting will be on the third Thursday, December 17, instead of the fourth Thursday because of the holiday. Please mark your calendar with this important change.

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 2026-2027 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.** You find this page on **Facebook** at ***@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 **"Announcement"** page under the **"News"** tab on the main menu bar on our website. And we will post events weekly on our **Facebook page.** We also have our Pack calendar on our **"Calendar** page under the **"Schedules"** tab on the main menu bar on our website. And you can always see our latest Cub News Newsletter on our **"Newsletters"** page under the **"News"** tab on the main menu bar on our website. 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.

********** **IMPORTANT NOTICE** **********

It is time for bad weather to come. Just remember that all Scouting functions are canceled if the weather does not support the activity. If school is canceled the day of a Den meeting or Pack meeting, so will that meeting be canceled. Because of the planning involved in the Banquet and the Pinewood Derby they will not be canceled except for extreme bad weather.

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Pack Inspiration:

TO ALL THE KIDS WHO WERE BORN IN THE 1930's, 40's, 50's, 60's, and 70's

First, we survived being born to mothers who smoked and/or drank while they carried us. They took aspirin, ate blue cheese dressing, tuna from a can, and didn't get tested for diabetes. Then after that trauma, our baby cribs were covered with bright colored lead-based paints. We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors or cabinets and when we rode our bikes, we had no helmets, not to mention, the risks we took hitchhiking. As children, we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags. Riding in the back of a pick up on a warm day was always a special treat. We drank water from the garden hose and NOT from a bottle. We shared one soft drink with four friends, from one bottle and NO ONE actually died from this.

We ate cupcakes, white bread and real butter and drank soda pop with sugar in it, but we weren't overweight because WE WERE ALWAYS OUTSIDE PLAYING! We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the streetlights came on. No one was able to reach us all day. And we were O.K. We would spend hours building our go-carts out of scraps and then ride down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. After running into the bushes a few times, we learned to solve the problem. We did not have Playstations, Nintendo's, X-boxes, no video games at all, no 99 channels on cable, no video tape movies, no surround sound, no cell phones, no personal computers, no Internet or Internet chat rooms. WE HAD FRIENDS and we went outside and found them!

We fell out of trees, got cut, broke bones and teeth and there were no lawsuits from these accidents. We ate worms and mud pies made from dirt, and the worms did not live in us forever. We were given BB guns for our 10th birthdays, made up games with sticks and tennis balls and although we were told it would happen, we did not put out very many eyes. We rode bikes or walked to a friend's house and knocked on the door or rang the bell, or just yelled for them! Little League had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with disappointment. Imagine that!

The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke the law was unheard of. They actually sided with the law! This generation has produced some of the best risk-takers, problem solvers and inventors ever! The past 50 years have been an explosion of innovation and new ideas. We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned HOW TO DEAL WITH IT ALL!

And YOU are one of them! CONGRATULATIONS! You might want to share this with others who have had the luck to grow up as kids, before the lawyers and the government regulated our lives for our own good, and while you are at it, forward it to your kids so they will know how brave their parents were. Kind of makes you want to run through the house with scissors, doesn't it?!

SOMETHING INSPIRATIONAL

In life you'll realize that there is a purpose for every person you meet. Some are there to test you, some will use you, some will teach you, and some will bring out the best in you. Blessings.

"The secret of a happy life is giving God the first part of your day, the first priority to every decision and the first place in your heart."

"No matter how difficult the challenge, when we spread our wings of faith and allow the winds of God's spirit to lift us, no obstacle is too great to overcome."

"Not studying the Bible changes your life as much as studying it does. Please read: Judges 2:1-8.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Any announcements that you would like announced at our Pack meeting can be email to us at announcements@cspack141.org by the Sunday before the Pack meeting. All announcements must be approved before they will be announced at our meeting.