

Pack

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Important Dates To Remember:



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October 1 Pack Planning Committee

October 7 Joint Activity – Christiansburg Fall Festival

October 15 Joint Activity – Community Service Project: Adopt-A-Street Trash Pickup Program

October 20 Fundraiser Ends – Popcorn and Prize Orders Due

October 21-22 Joint Activity – Annual Camping Trip

October 26 Joint Activity – Fall Carnival and Costume Contest

November 5 Pack Planning Committee

November 11 Fundraiser – Pickup Orders

November 16 Fundraiser – Popcorn money due

November 16 Joint Activity – Pack Meeting

December 3 Pack Planning Committee

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

WELCOME TO THE 2023 - 2024 SCOUTING YEAR!

We trust everyone is well, has settled in with school and has gotten use to that routine again. For us, this means that we get to start another exciting year of Scouting and Frontiers. Our Pack and Troop Committees have worked extra hard planning out all the fun-filled events and activities for the upcoming year. Make sure to check out our Pack Calendar, located on the “Calendar” page, found under the “Schedules” tab on the main menu bar and our “Announcements” page, found under the “News” tab on the main menu bar on our website as well as our Pack Facebook page at [@CSPack141](https://www.facebook.com/CSPack141) often as we update them with new information as it becomes available.

Over the summer break, we did some joint summer activities with FG Troop 377 and we had some fun. First, we had our annual picnic, which was totally awesome. We had great food and a wonderful time fellowshiping with each other. We then had our annual pool party and the weather did cooperate this year. And we held our annual Ice Cream Social, which turned out to be the perfect opportunity to greet our newest family members, to greet one another, and for the kids, including the big adult ones, to play together. And the ice cream was not a bad addition either. So, as you can see, summer was full of some great activities and some exciting events.

This is shaping up to be a wonderful and exciting year for Pack 141. News about the Scouting experience is getting out in our community and we are just so excited to welcome our newest members into our Pack family. We would also like to welcome back our returning scouters for another fun-filled year of Scouting. Our leaders are so thrilled to have the opportunity to aid in the character development, spiritual growth, and good citizenship of our young scouters. The responsibility that you as a parent, grandparent, and or guardian have entrusted to us is not something that we take lightly. We are very serious about presenting the best possible Scouting experience that we can. We pray that your scouting experience will be a blessing to you and your son and that he will be the better for having been a part of our family. And know that it is never too late to join our Scouting family, so please help us to spread the word, especially if you have neighbors, friends, or family who you think would enjoy the Scouting experience. Invite them or bring them to a meeting. We would love to have them join our Family of Scouting.

The uniqueness of Cub Scouts is that you, as a family, join the program with your son. You will help him all along his way to the Arrow of Light and on into Boy Scouting. So, get involved and help make this Scouting year an experience you and your child will never forget! Our Pack meetings are the fourth Thursday of each month (except November and December when meetings are the third Thursday) at 7:00 p.m. These meetings are designed to be informative and fun. Our newsletter is published at the time of each Pack meeting. Again, to each of you we say, Welcome.

PACK DUES: We will start collecting Pack dues in October because our re-charter paperwork must be submitted by December 1. National dues have increased. Should you have any questions about your dues, do not hesitate to ask. Checks should be made out to: **Pack 141.**

Let's catch the SCOUTING SPIRIT!

The Cubmaster Minutes:

Glass of Milk

One day, a poor boy who was selling goods from door to door to pay his way through school, found he had only one thin dime left, and he was hungry. He decided he would ask for a meal at the next house. However, he lost his nerve when a lovely young woman opened the door. Instead of a meal he asked for a drink of water!... She thought he looked hungry so brought him a large glass of milk. He drank it so slowly, and then asked, "How much do I owe you?" "You don't owe me anything," she replied. "Mother has taught us never to accept payment for a kindness." He said... "Then I thank you from my heart." As Howard Kelly left that house, he not only felt stronger physically, but his faith in God and man was strong also. He had been ready to give up and quit.

Many year's later that same young woman became critically ill. The local doctors were baffled. They finally sent her to the big city, where they called in specialists to study her rare disease. Dr. Howard Kelly was called in for the consultation. When he heard the name of the town she came from, a strange light filled his eyes. Immediately he rose and went down the hall of the hospital to her room. Dressed in his doctor's gown he went in to see her. He recognized her at once. He went back to the consultation room determined to do his best to save her life. From that day he gave special attention to her case. After a long struggle, the battle was won.

Dr. Kelly requested the business office to pass the final bill to him for approval. He looked at it, then wrote something on the edge, and the bill was sent to her room. She feared to open it, for she was sure it would take the rest of her life to pay for it all. Finally, she looked, and something caught her attention on the side of the bill. She read these words... "Paid in full with one glass of milk," (Signed) Dr. Howard Kelly.

Tears of joy flooded her eyes as her happy heart prayed: "Thank You, God, that Your love has spread broad through human hearts and hands." There's a saying which goes something like this: "Bread cast on the water comes back to you. The good deed you do today may benefit you or someone you love at the least expected time. If you never see the deed again at least you will have made the world a better place - And, after all, isn't that what life is all about?"

Now you have two choices. You can share this and spread a positive message. Or ignore it and pretend it never touched your heart. The hardest thing to learn in life is which bridge to cross and which - To burn. What a lovely story... and it is true, although a little embellished. (<https://www.snopes.com/glurge/milk.asp>)

Enjoy your blessings, for they do be many. And remember to share.

Clay Balls

A man was exploring caves by the Seashore. In one of the caves he found a canvas bag with a bunch of hardened clay balls. It was like someone had rolled clay balls and left them out in the sun to bake. They didn't look like much, but they intrigued the man, so he took the bag out of the cave with him. As he strolled along the beach, he would throw the clay balls one at a time out into the ocean as far as he could. He thought little about it, until he dropped one of the clay balls and it cracked open on a rock. Inside was a beautiful, precious stone! Excited, the man started breaking open the remaining clay balls. Each contained a similar treasure. He found thousands of dollars worth of jewels in the 20 or so clay balls he had left. Then it struck him. He had been on the beach a long time. He had thrown maybe 50 or 60 of the clay balls with their hidden treasure into the ocean waves. Instead of thousands of dollars in treasure, he could have taken home tens of thousands, but he had just thrown it away!

It's like that with people. We look at someone, maybe even ourselves, and we see the external clay vessel. It doesn't look like much from the outside. It isn't always beautiful or sparkling, so we discount it. We see that person as less important than someone more beautiful or stylish or well known or wealthy. But we have not taken the time to find the treasure hidden inside that person. There is a treasure in each and every one of us. If we take the time to get to know that person, and if we ask God to show us that person the way He sees them, then the clay begins to peel away and the brilliant gem begins to shine forth. May we not come to the end of our lives and find out that we have thrown away a fortune in friendships because the gems were hidden in bits of clay. May we see the people in our world as God sees them. I am so blessed by the gems of friendship I have with you. Thank you for looking beyond my clay vessel.

APPRECIATE EVERY SINGLE THING YOU HAVE, ESPECIALLY YOUR FRIENDS! LIFE IS TOO SHORT AND FRIENDS ARE TOO FEW! Pass this on to another Clay Ball!!!

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:

POPCORN UPDATE:

We have already started of our annual Popcorn Sale fundraiser. This year the Blue Ridge Mountain Council has decided to go with Pecatonica River Popcorn Company for our popcorn needs. Pecatonica River Popcorn offers a variety of popcorn products. But here is the biggest announcement and one of the most exciting things this company offers. You can sell on-line and the product is delivered FREE to the door of the customer. What a deal. FREE SHIPPING with all on-line sale orders. If you are interested in selling on-line, let the Cubmaster know and he will get you set up for on-lines sales with your own custom profile. Take Order Popcorn Order Forms are available as well for those who want to go door-to-door to sell. Remember, popcorn is currently our only fundraiser, so sell lots of popcorn!!! Please have all checks made payable to: **Pack 141.**

OCTOBER PACK MEETING:

October's Pack meeting is our Annual Fall Carnival and Costume Contest. So, start saving your pennies for the Fall Carnival. The more pennies you have the more you can play and the more prizes you can win. For our Costume Contest, remember that this event is held here in the Church, so please keep your costumes rating to nothing more than a PG-13 rating.

EVENTS FROM THE COUNCIL:

See the "Announcements" page under the "News" tab on the main menu bar on 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 2023-2024 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.





Pack Inspiration:

LIFE IS . . .

Once there was an old and very wise man. Every day he and his granddaughter would sit outside a gas station in his rocking chair, waiting to greet tourists as they passed through his small town. One day a tall man, who surely had to be a tourist, began looking around as if he were checking out the area for a place to live. **So what kind of town is this?** he asked. The old man replied, **Well, what kind of town are you from?** The tourist said, **One where everyone is very critical of each other. It's a real negative place to live.** The old man said, **You know, that's just how this town is.**

Later, a family passing through also stopped for gas. The father stepped out and asked the old man, **Is this town a good place to live?** The old man replied, **Well, what about the town you're from?** The father said, **In the town I'm from everyone is very close and always willing to lend a helping hand. I really hate to leave it.** The old man smiled and said, **You know, that's a lot like this small town.**

After the family had left the granddaughter looked up and asked, **Grandpa, how come when the first man came you told him this was a terrible place to live, yet when that family came you told them it was a wonderful place to live?** The old man looked down into his granddaughter's wondering blue eyes and said, **No matter where you go, you take your attitude with you. And that's what makes it terrible or wonderful.**

Yes, life is what you make it!

SOMETHING INSPIRATIONAL

Life's Lesson

In life, you realize that there is a role for everyone you meet. Some will test you, some will use you, some will love you, and some will teach you. But, the one that are important are the ones who bring out the best in you. They are rare and amazing people who remind you why it's worth it. Blessings.

Stand Up

"Don't let anyone ever break your soul. You have to stand on your own two feet and stand up for yourself. There are those that would give anything to see you fail, but you must never give them the satisfaction. Hold your head up high, smile and stand your own ground."

Peace

"Don't let people pull you into their storm. Pull them into your peace."

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.