

Troop

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Important Dates To Remember:



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February 3 Pinewood Derby Car Shop in the Scout Room

February 4 Family of Scouting Sunday at CPC

February 10 Pinewood Derby Car Shop in the Scout Room

February 11 Troop Meeting / Troop Planning Committee Meeting

February 17 Pinewood Derby and Concessions at CPC

February 20 Frontier Girls Leader Appreciation Day

February 22 Pack Meeting

February 25 Troop Meeting

March 3 Troop Planning Committee Meeting

March 10 Troop Meeting

March 24 Fun Day (TBD)

March 28 Pack Meeting

For more information, find our Troop calendar at:

http://cspack141.org/fgtroop377/calendar_fg/calendar.html

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024: We trust that all has gone well for everyone during the turn of the New Year and that many more blessings shall come upon you throughout the entire year. We would like to welcome all of you to our annual Red, White, Blue and Gold Banquet. We are excited to see each of you and trust that you will enjoy the special evening that we have planned.

FAMILY OF SCOUTING: Please plan to come to this event. Frontier and Scout Sunday is February 4, at the Presbyterian Church. We will meet in the rear of the Church at 10:15 a.m. and do not forget to wear your uniforms. Let us try to fill the church. Also, the following week is Scout Week where all scouts who belong to the Boy Scouts of America wear their uniforms to school for the week.

PINEWOOD DERBY: Our Pinewood Derby will be held on Saturday, February 17, at 12:00 p.m. here at the CPC. Registration will start at 11:00 for all that want to enter the race. The race will start promptly at 12:00 p.m. and no late entries will be accepted. The winner of each division will race in the final round for the overall championship. There will be prizes for the winners. Cars are available tonight for each Frontier and Scout whose dues have been paid and who do not have any outstanding balances, so do not leave before you get one. There will also be an open race for all other family members. If you would like to get a car, you may pick up one at either Derby Car Shops. The cost is \$7.00 per car. There will also be prizes for the winners of the open race.

The Derby Car Shop will be open on Saturday, February 3, and Saturday, February 10, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for any one who needs help with his or her car. There are weight and slot restrictions for the cars, so come by the Scout Room to make sure the car conforms to pinewood derby specs. You will also be able to paint and design your cars then. Also, **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU READ OUR PINEWOOD DERBY RULES** on the website on our "Announcements" page (under the "News" tab on the main menu bar). Our rules will be strictly enforced, and any decisions made by the Race Committee will be final.

Let's catch the FRONTIERING SPIRIT!

The Cubmaster Minutes:

Burned Biscuits

When I was a kid, my mom liked to make breakfast food for dinner every now and then. And I remember one night in particular when she had made breakfast after a long, hard day at work. On that evening so long ago, my Mom placed a plate of eggs, sausage, and extremely burned biscuits in front of my dad I remember waiting to see if anyone noticed! Yet all my dad did was reach for his biscuit, smile at my Mom and ask me how my day was at school. I don't remember that I told him that night, but I do remember watching him smear butter and jelly on that biscuit and eat every bite!

When I got up from the table that evening, I remember hearing my Mom apologize to my dad for burning the biscuits. And I'll never forget what he said: "Honey, I love burned biscuits." Later that night, I went to kiss Daddy good night and I asked him if he really liked his biscuits burned. He wrapped me in his arms and said, "Your Momma put in a hard day at work today and she's real tired. And besides a little burned biscuit never hurt anyone!" Life is full of imperfect things and imperfect people. I'm not the best at hardly anything, and I forget birthdays and anniversaries just like everyone else. But what I've learned over the years is that learning to accept each other's faults - and choosing to celebrate each other's differences - is one of the most important keys to creating a healthy, growing, and lasting relationship.

And that's my prayer for you today. That you will learn to take the good, the bad, and the ugly parts of your life and lay them at the feet of God. Because in the end, He's the only One who will be able to give you a relationship where a burnt biscuit isn't a deal-breaker! We could extend this to any relationship. In fact, understanding is the base of any relationship, be it a husband-wife or parent-child or friendship!

"Don't put the key to your happiness in someone else's pocket - keep it in your own." So please pass me a biscuit, and yes, the burned one will do just fine. And please pass this along to someone who has enriched your life. Be kinder than necessary because everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle. "Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil - it has no point."

Author Unknown

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.

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:

CSP: ADOPT-A-STREET PROGRAM:

We had to cancel our Community Service Project due to weather concerns. We will try again in April.

EVENTS FROM THE REGION:

See the "Announcements" page (under the "News" tab on the main menu bar) on our web-site.

EMAIL LIST UPDATE:

Please make sure the Troop has your current or any additional e-mail addresses that you would like to have Troop information sent. If you have a new email address or another address that you need added to our distribution list, please email the leadership the information and they will make sure the information is properly distributed. Please include the name to whom the address belongs and the member's name that the address is to be connected to.

PERSONAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL FORMS:

Do not forget that every member in the Troop 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.

TROOP PICTURES:

Pictures of our activities are posted on our **Facebook Page**. You find this page on **Facebook** at **@FGTroop377**. 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 daughter or any members of your family published/posted on either of these sites, please submit a signed and dated written request to the Troop Committee stating, **"I do not grant Troop 377 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 daughter or any members of my family to the general public."**

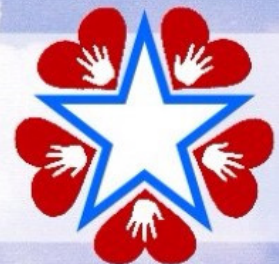
TROOP INFORMATION:

We have several means by which you can keep track of all the upcoming events in our Troop. 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 Troop calendar on our website on our **"Calendar"** page (under the **"Schedules"** tab on the main menu bar). And you can always see our latest Troop 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 Troop leadership. We want you to be informed and we use these tools to keep you informed with the latest Troop 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.



*If you see a need
Take the lead!*





Troop Inspiration:

A PASTOR WITH GUTS

Thought you might enjoy this interesting prayer given in Kansas at the opening session of their Senate some years ago. It seems prayer still upsets some people. When Minister Joe Wright was asked to open the new session of the Kansas Senate, everyone was expecting the usual generalities, but this is what they heard:

Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask your forgiveness and to seek your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says, 'Woe to those who call evil good,' but that is exactly what we have done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values. We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery. We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare. We have killed our unborn and called it choice. We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable. We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self-esteem. We have abused power and called it politics. We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition. We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression. We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment. Search us, Oh, God, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from every sin and set us free. Amen!

The response was immediate. A number of legislators walked out during the prayer in protest. In six short weeks, Central Christian Church, where Rev. Wright is pastor, logged more than 5,000 phone calls with only 47 of those calls responding negatively. The church is now receiving international requests for copies of this prayer from India, Africa and Korea. Commentator Paul Harvey aired this prayer on his radio program, **"The Rest of the Story,"** and received a larger response to this program than any other he has ever aired.

With the Lord's help, may this prayer sweep over our nation and wholeheartedly become our desire so that we again can be called **one nation under God**. For those who have ears, let him hear.

Enjoy your blessings for they are many.

SOMETHING INSPIRATIONAL

BURIED TREASURE: There is treasure buried in God's Word, but those who only scratch the surface will never find it. "If you seek her as silver, and search for her as for hidden treasures; then you will understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God" (Proverbs 2:4-5).

SUCCESS: The road to success is not straight. There is a curve called Failure, a loop called Confusion, speed bumps called Friends, red lights called Enemies, caution lights called Family. You will have flat tires called Jobs, but if you have a spare called Determination, an engine called Perseverance, a driver called Will Power, you will make it to a place called Success.

"Happy are those who take life day by day, complain very little, and are thankful for the things in life" (Lessons Learned In Life).

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.