

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 2007

23 – Back to School
at Washington
Heights

25 – Popcorn Kickoff
and Leader Training

September 2007

5 – Cub Scout Day
(wear uniforms to
school)

11 – First Pack
Meeting at church

18 – Pack Meeting at
church

24 – Committee
Meeting at church

25 – No Meeting

28-30 – Wizard Safari
Camping

October 2007

2 – Den Meeting

9 – Den Meeting

16 – Pack Meeting at
fire hall

22 – Committee
Meeting

23 – Den Meeting

27 – Tentative
Strasburg Railroad

30 – Den Halloween
Parties

October 2007

6 – Den Meeting

10 – Popcorn Pickup

13 – Den Meeting

19 – Committee
Meeting

20 – No Meeting

27 – Pack Meeting at
fire hall

The Scouting Year Begins

Pack 285 has completed a full and exciting summer program and is ready to kick off 2007-2008! Returning Scouts should begin selling popcorn as soon as they receive their packets in the mail. The first official meeting will be September 11; Scouts will be having fun while adults complete registration paperwork. Registration is \$25 for the year. At this registration meeting the committee will be collecting a number of forms: registration forms, Class 1 medical histories, pack media permission forms, popcorn sales acknowledgements, etc.

Wear Uniforms to School on September 5th

Scouts are encouraged to wear their uniforms to school on September 5; this is Keystone Area Council's **Cub Scout Day**.

Fall Popcorn Fundraising

Popcorn sales can begin as soon as your packet arrives in the mail, or August 25th, whichever comes first. Our pack goal this year is \$180 per Scout. Once again the pack is offering a buyout option: this year it is \$60. This buyout is payable when orders are turned in on October 16th. The pack receives 1/3 of sales; this is why the buyout is \$60. Scouts who sell less than the \$180 target will be asked to make up the difference between 1/3 of the sales and the \$60 buyout. Please remember that popcorn sales are the only income that the pack receives all year to pay for the entire Scouting program. Your Scout's effort makes a tremendous difference in the quality of his Scouting experience. *A Scout pays his own way!* Also note that the pickup date is Saturday, November 10.

Adult Leaders Needed

Pack Treasurer Don Raves and Secretary Stacy Weaver will be leaving at the end of this year as their sons complete the Cub Scouting program. Please consider volunteering to learn from Don and Stacy and serving as Treasurer or Secretary next year (2008-2009). In addition, the pack committee still has a vacancy for Advancement Chair – responsibilities include keeping track of boys' progress through their rank advancements and purchasing monthly awards for pack meetings. Please see Jen Seip or Mike Weaver about these opportunities.

Pack T-shirts

Pack 285 will be offering "Class B" T-shirts to Scouts again this fall. If you wish to have a T-shirt, please let us know at the registration meeting. Each T-shirt will cost \$12, and we will be able to order adult sizes as well. The committee encourages Scouts and families to wear their T-shirts during activities where the official uniform is impractical or not permitted.