



TIGER'S LAIR

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Congratulations to this year's Pinewood Derby winners, this past January 25th. The top three finishers in each division were:

Webelos – 1) Thomas Powell, 2) Trey Heinen, 3) C.J. Merkl
Bear – 1) Ben Brentin, 2) Nicolas Pielech, 3) Philip Appeddu
Wolf – 1) Matthew Richards, 2) Jared Jallans, 3) Aria Sabbagh
Tiger – 1) George McGuire, 2) James Stavinoha, 3) Daniel Melendez



Scout Fair

The Scout Fair is set for April 26th. We will be hosting a booth devoted to the generation and uses of electricity. Panther Patrol's leader Chris Merkl has tested all of the demonstrations personally on his boys...or rather with his boys in den meetings.

Spring Campout



Another successful campout was held this spring, and this one was held at Brazos Bend State Park. Don't forget to thank Chris Merkl, Leader of Panther Patrol. It was unfortunate that the weather did not cooperate so that we could do some stargazing that evening...but, the planetarium was not operational due to cloudy conditions. This campout will also help some of the members of Panther Patrol fulfill part of the requirements for their Webelos Communicator Pin. Part of the requirement for this pin is for the boys to write something and have it published in the Pack Newsletter. So here goes a brief account of the campout at

Brazos Bend through the eyes of Panther Patrol members:

I enjoyed the last campout. I really liked lighting the fire in front of all of pack 505. I also liked roasting food over the campfire. I hope there will soon be another campout.

-Graham Aldridge

My favorite part of the campout was seeing the alligators. We also saw a vulture roost, it smelled awful.

-C.J. Merkl

I liked flyfishing but we didn't catch anything! We tried a spider, popper-frog, and a wet fly.

-Gerrit Porter

On our way to the campout it was cloudy and also rained a little bit. It rained when we were setting up the tents. It stayed so cloudy that we didn't get to go to the observatory. There were many deer, raccoons, squirrels, an armadillo, egrets, and alligators. My favorite part of the campout was the alligators. I didn't like it when we had to leave.

-Daniel Siwak

a look around this beautiful facility at East TC Jester just inside the 610 North Loop.

3) At the April Roundtable, Tracy Walne, 2003 GAD Friends of Scouting Chair, gave a strong speech about the feeble condition of our FOS fund raising campaign this year. Due to the general economy plus some mix-ups at the beginning of our campaign, the donations are WAY down. If your unit has not yet scheduled an FOS presentation, please contact Tracy (713-622-2881) ASAP.

Last Scheduled Events of the Season

Thursday April 10, '03 Pack Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Saturday April 26, '03 Scout Fair, Reliant Center, 12-5 p.m.

Thursday May 08, '03 Pack Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Odds & Ends

1) We are going to try to get people signed up for Twilight Camp and Camp Bovay. Please help us get a good level of participation at both of these events. Twilight Camp has two sessions: June 9 to 13 and June 16 to 20. Both sessions are from 6 to 9 pm each evening at HBU on Fondren. Cost is \$45 for wolf or bear and \$55 for webelos. More information is available at www.goldenarrow.org, Buffalobill@ev1.net or call 713-729-0634. We are also attempting to go as a Pack to Camp Bovay July 25 to 27 (Friday – Sunday). Every parent need not go; we can have a 3 scouts to 1 adult ratio. The cost is \$85 per youth, \$75 per adult all meals, tent, cot, etc. is included.

2) On Saturday May 10, the new Scout Service Center will have a morning opening ceremony followed by an all-day Open House with refreshments. All visitors are welcome to have

ANNOUNCEMENT!

My tenure is running out. I have been the Pack Treasurer for the past two years, and the Tiger's Lair editor since September. Our illustrious new Pack Committee Chairman, James Porter, pointed out the fact that our boys will be crossing over next February. It is now time for someone (or two) to come out of the flock to assume the mantle of new Pack Treasurer and/or Editor of the Tigers Lair. If someone doesn't claim these prime duties, then you will be stuck come next year. Give some thought to volunteering. I can be reached at:

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Ed Siwak