



Cub Scout Pack 119 New Braunfels, TX

Saturday, January 14, 2012



Our Spring 2012 Pack trip will be to the USS Lexington in Corpus Christi on March 24-25. We'll leave from the First Methodist parking lot on a chartered bus at 10:00am, spend Saturday touring the Lexington and spend the night on board.

The cost is \$80 for 1 Cub Scout + 1 Parent. Each additional child or adult is \$50. The cost includes admission to the USS Lexington, Saturday supper and Sunday breakfast. Please bring a sack lunch to each Saturday on the bus. Scouts should wear their Class A uniforms.

We are now taking reservations and money. The bus seats 56 and is first come, first serve. All money must be paid by February 2. Please see Debra at the Pinewood Derby or email her at debra.k.cunningham@gmail.com. More information available on the reverse of this newsletter.

Scout Sunday

Scout Sunday is February 12, 2012.. We will be assisting the ushers at all 3 services at First Methodist. Service times are: 8:30, 9:45 and 11:00.

www.signupgenius.com/go/scout5/

Password is pack119

Parable of the Mule

This parable is told of a farmer who owned an old mule.

The mule fell into the farmer's well. The farmer heard the mule "praying"-or whatever mules do when they fall into wells. After carefully assessing the situation, the farmer sympathized with the mule, but decided that neither the mule nor the well was worth the trouble of saving. Instead, he called his neighbors together, told them what had happened and enlisted them to help haul dirt to bury the old mule in the well and put him out of his misery.

Initially, the old mule was hysterical! But as the farmer and his neighbors continued shoveling and the dirt hit his back, a thought struck him. It dawned on him that every time a shovel load of dirt landed on his back, he could shake it off and step up! This he did, blow after blow. "Shake it off and step up Shake it off and step up Shake it off and step up!" Herepeated it to encourage himself. No matter how painful the blows, or how distressing the situation seemed, the old mule fought panic and just kept right on shaking it off and stepping up! It wasn't long before the old mule, battered and exhausted, stepped triumphantly over the wall of that well! What seemingly would bury him actually helped him, all because of the manner in which he handled his adversity.

That's life! If we face our problems and respond to them positively, and refuse to give in to panic, bitterness, or self-pity. The problems that come along to bury us usually have within them the very potential to benefit us .

. . and benefit Scouting, too!



Our annual Blue & Gold Banquet is a "birthday party" for scouting. Its also when our boys receive their rank awards and a celebration of their scouting achievements. This year's theme is Native American.

The Blue & Gold will be at Cross Lutheran Church on Common Street on Saturday February 25 starting at 5pm. Your den leaders will be communicating with you concerning volunteer opportunities. Our dinner this year is buffalo burgers and prairie dogs.

Each rank or den should bring the following:

- Tigers - Easy to serve desserts
- Wolf Den 2 – A noodle dish
- Wolf Den 5 – A potato dish
- Bears - Beans
- WEBELOS – Veggie or fruit

Upcoming Events

Jan 28 Good Turn for Goodwill Door Hanger Distribution – see Den leader

Feb 4 Good Turn for Goodwill Door Hanger pickup

Feb 4 7am Pack Committee Meeting

Feb 12 Scout Sunday

Feb 25 Blue & Gold

Mar 3 7am Pack Committee Meeting

Mar 3 10am Pack kickball @ Cypress Bend Park

Mar 22 7pm Pack Meeting

Mar 24-25 Trip to the USS Lexington