

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



BOY SCOUTS: Life Scout Logan Whitmore, who is working towards his Eagle Scout Rank and Scoutmaster Jerry Whitmore.

Boy Scouts



Pack 120

Cub Scouts



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Wolf/Bear

Webelos

Tigers

Cub Scouts held a bowling party in September to kick off the new year. Kristina Blair took over this year as Cub Master after Elmer Kellner resigned his position due to his need to fulfill other obligations. Having lost many of the leaders from the previous year it was necessary to recruit new leaders and thankfully, many stepped up to the plate.

Sue Ellen Rethke, Patrick Mills and Damion Gabaldon, Tiger parents, have stepped in to help Kris with the youngest group in Cub Scouting.

This group consists of first grade boys and requires parent participation. The boys in this group have had a lot of fun learning about family, God, country and community. Working side by side with their Tiger parent they have worked on fire escape plans, learned about healthy eating, and physical fitness.

Dan Blair, Wolf leader, has been working with Jasper Hunt, the only second grader that we have this year. They have been working on flag etiquette, fire safety, healthy habits and physical fitness. Dan also took all of the boys on a tour of the power plant showing them how the city of Saint Francis is able to generate power when there is a need to do so. The boys were very impressed by all the big engines and learning how the power is generated and where it goes from the power plant.

Deb Hilt, Bear leader, works with the third graders or Bear Cubs. This year they have been working on physical fitness, healthy eating, ways to save energy, and cooking. She led the whole group on a hike at the beginning of the year where the boys looked for interesting leaves and artifacts to use for an art project. Leaf rubbings and prints were made and used as placemats this fall. She has been instrumental in planning many of the events we have had over the last couple years.

Along with the duties of Cub Master, Kris, is the Webelo leader. This group normally consists of fourth and fifth graders but this year we only have Webelo I or 4th graders so we will not have anyone moving into Boy Scouts at the end of the year. This year of scouting helps the boys move toward Boy Scouts. The boys completed their aquatics this summer while participating in swimming events. They are working on a forester badge now where they identify trees in our area, what they are used for and why they are important. They also have completed their citizen badge where they learn more about our government, our flag and our community. They have learned what it means to be a good citizen. These boys are also very helpful with the younger boys and the leaders when it comes to outings and other projects needing to be done. They set a good example for others.

Popcorn sales went well this fall with the boys selling almost \$6,000 worth of popcorn. Aaron Blair was our top seller followed by Shannon Semler and Jasper Hunt. All three boys were entered in a drawing for having filled out a full order sheet. They all



CUB SCOUTS: (l to r) front row: Seth Mills, Aaron White, Shannon Semler, Elijah Mills, Jasper Hunt, Aaron Blair; back row: Deb Hilt, Sue Ellen Rethke, Dan Blair, Kris Blair. Not pictured: Seth Hilt, Wyatt Hilt, Christian Gabaldon.

three received nice gifts ranging from a tent, a glider, and a movie about pinewood derbies. All of the boys were given patches for participation and many of them received gift cards for the amount of popcorn sold. Aaron received an extra \$50 gift card for selling over \$1,500 and for the third year in the row has met his goal.

Some of the other activities this year have included a tour of the sheriff's department by Cody Beeson, undersheriff. At Christmas time we signed and mailed 84 Christmas cards to soldiers and collected food to help the hospital send in their baskets for the holidays. Jasper, Shannon and Aaron have all three participated in helping their parents deliver meals

on wheels as a community service project over the past few months since the Good Samaritan Village has been out of commission. They all have enjoyed the time spent talking to the people they deliver to and now understand why the process is so important.

We have many upcoming events planned soon. The Pinewood Derby will be held in the grade school gym on March 6 at 2 p.m. We encourage everyone to come and cheer on your favorite car.

We also plan to go visit Cliff Semler's Cabinetry shop soon. This allows the boys to earn some awards. They will learn what tools and types of wood are used in making cabinets.

Mike Hopper, game warden, is planning a return

visit this year. We have invited the Girl Scouts to join us in learning about the things he has to tell us. He always has many things of interest to show and a story to go with them all.

Our Blue and Gold banquet will be held soon and many of the boys will be moving to the next level in May. It has been a fun and exciting year and a learning experience for us all. All leaders are now required to take youth protection training for the safety of our children and our leaders. All of our leaders are in compliance with this and every one of them enjoys the time we get to spend with these children.

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