

# Pack 412 Fall Newsletter

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## Summer Fun with Pack 412 at the Annual Car Wash

The summer started off fantastic with Pack 412's annual summer Car Wash held at the Foxon Firehouse parking lot this July. Many siblings attended to help out as well as a good number of newly signed up scouts. Mayor April Capone-Almon showed her support by having her town vehicle washed, as did many other supporters. The Pack raised just over \$800, which went immediately towards supporting the summer campout this year at Camp Cedarcrest in Orange, CT. Pack 412 would like to thank all who helped this event.



Scouts, leaders and siblings pose with Mayor April Capone at the Foxon Firehouse parking lot, the site of Pack 412's Summer Car Wash in July of this year.

## Discount Cards A Huge Success!!!

In this current economic environment, the leaders at Pack 412 decided to try a new fundraiser this year that would benefit more than the Pack. We wanted to have a way of raising money for the pack that would both benefit the people of East Haven, as well as local businesses. The discount card fundraiser was a perfect choice. We solicited 18 local businesses and in no time these cards for were able to ask to sell 5 cards several events the cards. reduced in July able to be used until the end of 2008. The cards did very well as many businesses offered 10-15% discounts. The cards can be used over and over again so there is ample time to make back the cost of the card and more in savings. Despite not selling all the cards, Pack 412 was able to raise \$1600 in profit!!! The Pack is planning on having this as an annual fundraiser starting in the beginning of the new year. Pack 412 would like to thank all the businesses that participated this year and we hope they continue to support us!!



## Special points of interest:

- Pack 412 continues to deliver an excellent program for cub scouts of all ages.
- Fall recruiting a huge success with many new scouts joining Pack 412.
- Look to pre-register for cool upcoming events that have limited spots available (see calendar on page 4).

# Scout Day at Bridgeport Bluefish Game Quite a Blast!!

The summer was in full stride for the next event for Pack 412. Scout day at the Bridgeport Bluefish is an annual Yankee Council event that is a lot of fun. Scouts come early and get to parade around the warning track the announce each Pack attend-scout and sibling cool Bluefish well as inflatable make noise for team. The weather was hot again this year which lead to thundershowers towards the end of the game. As one of the events to satisfy the scout's summer activity award package, the game is a lot of fun and for those who like to camp out, scouts and families can pitch a tent in the outfield for the night. This is a great event each year and doesn't cost that much. Look for the fliers for the Bluefish Scout day shortly after Blue and Gold in May, 2009.



Scouts and siblings pose with BB, the Bridgeport Bluefish Mascot in front of the FUN ZONE in front of the bullpen at the bottom of the right field bleachers.

# Scout Photos Planned for January 13, 2009

Last year one of the great things Pack 412 did was to hold its 1st annual Scout Picture Day. We had pictures taken of the entire Pack, all the Dens as well as individual scout photos. This is a way to document the Pack and scouts over time and the pictures came out fantastic. This year, we will be providing Photo CDs that will con-

tain all photos of your scouts. This will include the Pack & Den Pictures as well as all pictures of your scout individually. The CDs are \$15 and can be pre-bought. All scouts are required to come in uniform for the Pack & Den photos so please plan to arrive no later than 6pm. Uniform Inspection will occur during the photo shoot.

Like last year, we will be having professional pictures of the Pack, the dens and the scouts themselves. This should be a great way to follow the growth of your scout as well as the pack. Photo CDs are available for a fee of \$15.

# Summer Campout at Camp Cedarcrest

Pack 412 held its Summer Campout in Orange, CT at Camp Cedarcrest. The entire campsite was rented and served a perfect site for a raingutter regatta, which hasn't been done in over 5 years. The raingutters were designed and cut out of 10 ft. PVC pipe. They were then capped, glued and painted by Assistant Wolf Leader John Yost. The wood block holders were also cut and painted and fitted with small American Flags for the event (see page 3). The scouts and siblings assembled and decorated their regatta boats in the morning of race day and the races took place in the afternoon. The weekend was hot and humid and so after the races were done, sprinklers were set up to cool everyone down. Frozen ice pops also did their share.



## Raingutter Regatta Highlights a Fun but HOT July Campout

During our Summer campout at Camp Cedarcrest Pack 412 held the first Raingutter Regatta with our newly made and painted gutters. We held races for all the scouts as well as races for siblings and friends. All scouts participated and we ran several heats to get down to the finals. The final race was a battle of the Two Webelos 1 Christophers with Christopher Bicknell edging out Christopher Mitchell by a bow length. Hand made laser engraved wooden medals were awarded for first, second and third place. Tommy Yost won his heat to take third place and the final medal slot. A great time was had by all and the first raingutter regatta that Pack 412 has held in 5 years was a resounding success. To the right is Cubmaster Scott with the top three scout boaters; Christopher Bicknell (Webelos-1), 1<sup>st</sup> Place; Christopher Mitchell (Webelos-1), 2<sup>nd</sup> Place; and Tommy Yost (Wolf) 3<sup>rd</sup> Place.



## Holiday Wreaths will be sold again in December for Cub Accounts

Many of the people in East Haven come to rely on Pack 412 for annual fundraisers that provide certain goods. The Winter Holiday Wreath sale is a recurring event that allows the scouts to work hard to sell

The scouts earn half of the profit from the sale of these wreaths and it goes into their *cub-accounts*. These accounts allow the scout to earn money to help pay for



wreaths knowing that they will receive money for each wreath they sell. Each scout will receive \$5 for each wreath sold into his cub account to use for any Pack 412 upcoming event and there is no limit to how many can be sold. This year Country Farms is providing the wreaths and they would have provided goods for us for all three events, Easter flowers, pumpkins & mums and now holiday wreaths. Pack 412 will be selling wreaths at Our Lady of Pompeii Church in December in addition to the take-home sales.



## New Banner & Regatta Tracks Shown Off

Part of the reason we fundraise at Pack 412 is so that if we need something for our programs or activities, we have money to purchase it. We have been missing a nice banner for a very long time and we need one to use for parades, fundraisers and events. Thus, with money raised with the discount card fundraiser as well as the car wash, we were able to have a custom one made by Big Prints, shown left between our Pack flags. We were also able to buy the materials to hand-make the raingutter regatta tracks as well as 2 new folding tables!!! This is all due to everyone's hard work, GREAT JOB!!!!

## Another Great Summer at Sequassen

Cub Scout Resident Camp at Sequassen is a magical time and words cannot do service to how good it is. Four days of camping, singing, swimming and activities highlight this scouting extravaganza. The program is top notch and all scouts are able to earn many badges and belt loops during their stay. Nothing brings a cub closer to scouting than this bonding and special trip. I encourage all scouts to join us for the end of the summer to take part in this



great ritual. Above right is a photo of Pack 412 scouts and leaders at the entrance to our Campsite (Jerome) that was designed by Cubmaster Scott and created by Wolf Leader Cherie Bicknell. Below left are our Scouts in their medieval Pack 412 costumes made by Committee



Chair and Bear Leader Melissa Ruggiero. The entrance to our Jerome campsite came out so good, Pack 412 won the 1st Place ribbon and we thank Cherie for such a great job!!! For Christopher Mitchell, it was his third straight year at Sequassen as it was Nick Petruzzelli's second. For Lincoln Wilson, Joe Mongillo, Christopher & Joshua Bicknell, Michael Wajdowicz, Anthony Ruggiero and Julian Swan, this was their first year at Sequassen. Hopefully it won't be their last!!! Next year's theme is SPACE!!!!

## 2008 Webelos Woods at Camp Cedarcrest, Orange, CT

Webelos Woods is an opportunity for advanced cub scouts to earn several Webelos activity badges in a camping/outdoors environment. Earning the 12 Webelos activity badges is a challenging endeavor and attending a campout like Webelos Woods allows the Webelos scouts a chance to earn up to five activity badges over the



course of the campout. This is for Webelos only and focuses on activities such as forester, outdoorsman, readyman and naturalist. Pack 412 had a stellar turnout this year with 8/9 Webelos-1 and 5/5 Webelos-2 attending. Cubmaster Scott ran the forester program for the entire campout and Leaders Harold Miller, Dave Molster, Sonny Mongillo and Anthony Petruzzelli were able to attend essential adult outdoor training from Connecticut Yankee Council experts.

## DJ Makes Pack Halloween Party Lots of Fun

Every year Pack 412 holds a Halloween party and this year was no different. We had a great turnout and an added benefit was music. The Pack paid for DJ Art Longley (Julian Swan's Grandfather) which was great to have all the classic spooky songs as well as old stand-bys such as the electric slide and the chicken dance. Pictured right is Committee Chair Daphnee Ruggiero and Cubmaster Pirate Mitchell.



## Trailer Ad Drive Raises Enough to Re-Decorate Trailer



We have had the same old trailer for many years now and it was thought that if we could get some local businesses to sponsor spots on the sides of the trailer, the money raised may be enough to pay for redecoration. Well, thanks to 6 local businesses we were able to raise almost \$500, which came very close to the cost of redecorating the trailer. This required removal of all previous outdated logo stickers, stripping and cleaning the metal and adding the new designs. One side of the finished product is shown above and Pack 412 showed off its snazzy redone trailer at Webelos Woods where everyone was quite impressed. Pack 412 would like to thank Brian Hopkins for the excellent cut vinyl work he did. All this was done without touching the money raised by other fundraisers!!!

## The Importance of Sibling Inclusion

In this current economic climate, it is a challenge to sign up for all of the events we offer, despite how good they all are. They all cost money but more importantly, they cost your time. Many families in Pack 412 have other children besides their scouts and to have to attend Pack events without the opportunity to bring siblings would make it difficult, especially the campouts and camp-ins. We want to facilitate scouts attending all of our events so we encourage siblings to attend as many as possible. I know my daughter Amelia loves attending the scout events and this highlights the fact that cub scouting starts and ends with the family. The more flexibility we offer to scout families, the more attendance we get at our scout events, which is great!!

Pack 412 prides itself on its policy to include siblings to as many events as possible. We promote the inclusion of siblings to mostly allow the families in Pack 412 to do fun events together. This makes it easier for families with multiple children.

## Popcorn Sale was FANTASTIC, Best Pack 412 has ever done!!!!

Popcorn, popcorn, popcorn!!! The fall seems dominated by the roll out of the popcorn fundraiser. Scheduling show and sell events, coordinating take home orders and picking up and dropping off cases and cases of popcorn is what's required for a successful season. One third of the revenue generated from popcorn sales provides money for Connecticut Yankee Council to maintain and improve campsites such as Sequassen and Deer Lake. Pack 412 gets the 1/3 remaining after paying Trails-End for the product. A ton of planning and work goes into the popcorn fundraiser and every year Pack 412 does a fine job. In 2006 Pack 412 raised \$2200 in the popcorn fundraiser and raised \$3200 last year in 2007. This year Pack 412 raised over \$4000 in profit from both donations and popcorn sales to represent the best year that Pack 412 has ever had. I would like to take the time to thank everyone for their hard work and especially John Yost for stepping up and helping me with coordinating this challenging event. I also would like to thank our top scouts from the show and sell weekends - Christopher Mitchell (Webelos-1), Tommy Yost (Wolf) and Anthony Ruggiero (Bear) as well as our take-home award winners - Christopher Mitchell, 1st Place (\$640); Tommy Yost, 2nd Place (\$520); Raguel Walker (Webelos-1), 3rd Place (\$292). First, second and third place sellers get gift certificates to sports authority for \$75, \$50 and \$25, respectively. Again, thanks to all the scouts and adults that worked hard to make this year the best we have ever seen!

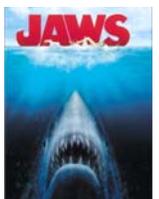


## Fall Campout at Deer Lake - A Leave No Trace Education

Our fall campout this year was at Deer Lake sleeping inside both Leary Hall and the Dining Hall. Over 40 scouts, siblings and adults joined us for a fun-packed weekend camp-in. Troop 408 ran a beautiful Leave No Trace program from 9-12pm on Saturday that introduced the principles of outdoor ethics to our scouts. The program included three stations to demonstrate safety with fire, removal of waste, and proper techniques to leave nature in a pristine state both during and after a campout. This allowed the scouts to all earn their Leave No

Trace patches that were given out at November Pack meeting.

Other events were a Pack Hike and weather and astronomy belt loop programs. The food as usual was plentiful and excellent and the trip was capped by a late night showing of the 1975 classic JAWS. Our next campout will be in the Spring at Deer Lake in tents, I hope many attend.



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<b>Webelos II Assistant</b>	<b>Sonny Mongillo</b>
<b>Webelos II Assistant</b>	<b>Lincoln Wilson</b>
<b>Webelos I Leader</b>	<b>Dave Molster</b>
<b>Quartermaster</b>	
<b>Bear Assistant</b>	<b>Kristen Longley</b>
<b>Wolf Leader</b>	<b>Cherie Bicknell</b>
<b>Wolf Assistant</b>	<b>John Yost</b>
<b>Tiger Leader</b>	<b>Bob Mortimer</b>



Pack 412 would like to thank the Foxon Volunteer Fire Department Company 3 for their continued support as our charter organization.

THANK YOU!!!!!!



**Fall 2008 to Spring 2009 Calendar of Events**

Caroling / Laurel Woods	Saturday, December 15th	11-1pm
Pack Holiday Party	Tuesday, December 23rd	6:30pm
Garbage Museum Visit	Saturday, January 3rd	10-1pm
Pack Photos	Tuesday, January 13th	6pm sharp!!!
Quinnipiac Hockey	Friday, January 23rd	7pm
Game Night	Tuesday, February 17th	6:30pm
Boston Museum Science	Saturday, February 21st	See Flier
Harlem Globetrotters	Monday, February 23rd	7pm
Pack Pinewood Derby	Sunday, March 8th	10am
Fishing Derby	Saturday, April 4th	7am-3pm
Easter Flower Sale	Fri-Sun, April 10-12th	Pompeii Church
Spring Campout	Fri-Sun, April 24-26th	TBA
Beardsley Zoo Trip	Saturday, May 2nd	9:30am
Blue & Gold Ceremony	Friday, May 8th	5:30pm



***Yours in Scouting, Pack 412 Leaders***