

Cub Scouts Pack 489

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The Cub Scouts held their annual Pine Wood Derby on Saturday, January 21. This year the racing results ended with first, second, and third place going to Nicholas Mullavey, Sam Bentley, and Nicholas Keniston, respectively. Prizes for creativity were also awarded to Christopher Frenette, Tucker Peters, and Griffin Merriman in that order.

Thanks go to Mike Barton who set up the track and officiated the race.

A big thanks also goes to RP Johnson and Sons for helping defray the cost of the derby, to Pizza Chef for pizzas, and to the Frenettes for trophies for the derby and for popcorn sales.

Top sellers of popcorn were Aaron Smith, \$975; Christopher Frenette, \$910; and Steven Frenette, \$905. A total of \$6,380 of popcorn was sold by 14 boys, giving us a profit of \$2,296.80 to pay for pack rechartering, some pack activities, initial camp deposit, and the purchase of awards and achievement patches. All boys that participated in the popcorn sales received prizes of their choice based on their sales level.

Another prize the boys had an opportunity to win was a \$150 gift card to Dick's Sporting Goods that was raffled off with one raffle ticket for every \$150 of sales the boys made. This year's winner was Christopher Frenette. We thank all of the people who bought popcorn or gave us donations and the boys that



Pack 489 with their Pinewood Derby race cars. Photo: Heidi Terwilliger

took the time to sell popcorn.

Den Meetings

Webelos Den 2 went on a tour of Webster Valve and saw how the valves are created on the computer, melted, molded, and made into a finished product. We talked about what these valves are used for and were really amazed at how huge the building was. Thank you to Webster Valve and Michael Mullavey for the tour.

The boys also made their own light switches with a battery, a bulb, and some wire. They have now earned their Engineering badge. Next they will work on their Scientist badge.

The boys of Bear Den 5 have earned their Astronomy belt loop pins. They have been learning about the solar system and how to use a telescope. They are also working on their Music pins, on achievements to earn their Bear Badge, and on electives for their arrow points.

Cub Scouts is open to boys in first through fifth grades. For more info, contact Leighton Terwilliger at 735-6502.

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We started off the month of December with a holiday open house. The children wrapped presents to go to charity, decorated gingerbread cookies, made reindeer food and saw Santa. The evening ended with the reading of *The Polar Express* and our holiday raffle winners were chosen. Thank you to all who helped with the raffle and also the open house. It was a very special night for the children and their families.

During the month of December, the children made gifts for their parents and decorations for their homes. It is always such a busy month and the children have so much energy! We enjoyed lots of singing and read many books.

After a nice holiday break, the children were happy to get back to school and see their friends. The three-year-old group enjoyed a magical time during January as we learned about what is real and what is pretend. We made wizard and princess hats and had magic wands casting spells all throughout the school. We went on a dragon parade with dragon puppets that the kids made, so if you see any lost dragons, they belong to us!

In the four-year-old group, we talked about winter and penguins. We brought snow inside and played with it until it all melted. We sent all of the children



Hannah French and Piper Collum enjoy the snow. Photo: Carmen Bates

home with a pet they made themselves. We promise the parents that their goldfish in their bowls will not be too much trouble, and the kids love to make them swim around.

All this fun goes on as learning takes place – what an amazing thing! As the New Year begins we wish our friends much growth and happiness in the year ahead.

We would also like to thank everyone who donated computers and parts to our program. We now have all we need. We are looking for new members for the 2006-2007 school year. All are welcome! If you are thinking of a way to help out, this might be it.

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