

Cub Scouts, Pack 80, Somerville, NJ

THE FIRE RING

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The Cub Master message will return next month.

Mark Your Calendars:

Next Pack Meeting - April 16th at 7pm
Spring Flag Placement - May 15th at 8am
Memorial Day Parade - May 31st at 8:30am
Graduation Campout - June 4th - June 6th

Check the website, www.CubScoutPack80.ORG, for more details and events! Signup forms are also available on the website.

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Den News

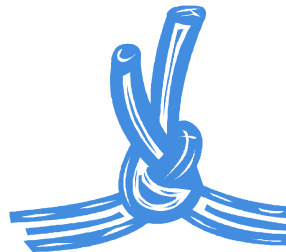
Den 1, The Hawks
Webelos I
Leaders:
Diane Gilson
Larry Cleveland
Tom F., Den Chief
Travis H., Den Chief



It's been another busy month for the scouts in Den 1. While completing the requirements for the Scholar belt loop, the boys had to keep a running tally of all the money they received and spent over a three week time period. It was interesting to see which scouts saved their money and which ones spent it. They also learned some basic principles of banking, such as what happens to your money when you put it in the bank, how much it costs to borrow money and why a credit card can be a dangerous thing.

As part of the requirements for the Webelos Showmanship badge, some of the boys got to share their favorite music with the den. The whole den (especially Mr. Cleveland and I) were singing along while listening to songs from many artists including Bruce Springsteen, The Beatles, Elvis Presley, Hall and Oates, Joe Cocker. The scouts also started their Athlete badge by seeing how many curl-ups and push-ups they can do as well as how fast they can walk or run a quarter of a mile and the 50 yard dash. They will continue to practice them over the next 4 weeks to see if they improve.

Den 4, The Flying Eagles
Wolves
Leaders:
John Yachera
Joseph Jaskolski
John DuBose
Nico M., Den Chief



Den 4 had an exciting month. The boys learned to tie simple knots: overhand, square, and slip knots, as well as a bowline. Leader Yachera taught the boys and was ably assisted by Den Chief Nico and Griffin, our cub leader for the day. The next day we took advantage of Easter break by hiking through Washington Valley Park. The boys reviewed and practiced "Leave no trace" principles. They observed wildlife including a frog, snake, and fish. After a trail lunch, they spent an hour or so fishing in the reservoir. Special thanks to Leader Yachera for his fishing expertise, equipment, and bait; to Leader Dubose for organizing the day; and to Den Chief Nico for leading the hike. Finally, we encountered Ranger Bob who identified the call of a wood frog we had been hearing all day and reinforced "Leave no trace" rules.

Den 7, The Dragons

Tigers

Leaders:

Nancy Bello

Glenn Gottlieb

Michael Rosen



All of our boys had a great time at the St Patrick's parade. Our den has grown again and we would like to welcome Ethan P. I am sure that the upcoming pack meeting will be a lot of fun too so I hope to see you all there.

Den 9, The Panthers

Wolves

Leaders:

Jason Chaya

Aldo Fabiano

Mark D., Den Chief



With the Blue & Gold dinner behind them, the boys in Den 9 have turned their attention to working on electives. With the help of their Den Chief, Mark D., they learned how to tie various types of knots and are now able to help their parents get the newspapers ready for recycling! They also created Easter eggs sculpted from balloons, thread, and glue. Next up is a project for Mothers' Day, but we can't give any details here or we will ruin the surprise! Other upcoming activities include a hike and perhaps some spring kite flying.



Den 11, The Tigers

Webelos 1

Leaders:

Armando Diana

John Jordan

Aaron K., Den Chief

Zach J., Den Chief



After a few months of Pack 80 activity dominating our den's meeting time, March brought us back to the basics of den meetings. We continued our drive toward our Scientist badge. The boys learned about Bernoulli's Principle, Pascal's Law and Newton's Law. Well, actually, the den leaders learned it too and had flashbacks to high school Physics class. We still have a few more activities to achieve but we are almost there. We are also completing the Aquanaut badge. With the advent of Spring, warmer weather and warm-weather sports starting, it will become an even bigger challenge to keep up with our achievements but the boys are dedicated to completing as many achievements as possible before June graduation.

Meet your leaders

Joe Jaskolski was born and raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and is, therefore, a lifelong Packers and Badgers fan. He moved to New Jersey after meeting his wife, Donna, during his Family Practice residency. Joe and his wife have three wonderful children, Emma, Sam, and Eliana. Joe works as a Family Physician in Califon, NJ, but his true love is his family. He enjoys helping coach soccer, baseball, softball, and basketball, and has been having a great time assisting Leader Yachera and Dubose with the Flying Eagles of Den 4.

I am **John DuBose** and I grew up in Spotsylvania, Va. As a youth, I participated in the FFA (Future Farmers of America). I enjoyed forestry judging, dairy judging and basically anything that had to do with the outdoors. My first real job was working on a dairy farm where I milked up to 60 cows twice a day. In between milkings, I would bale hay, plant soy beans or just do what I was told.

In high school, I was active in sports, and played football, baseball and wrestled. After high school, I went into the Air Force where I worked on Minute Man Missiles in North Dakota. I took a job with AT&T in Washington DC as a communication technician working on the main frame wiring circuits. I had several opportunities that took me from Washington, DC to Alexandria, Va to Denver, Co and finally brought me to NJ where I took responsibility for the provisioning and restoration of riding on the undersea cable systems in the Atlantic Ocean. In this position, I had the good fortune to travel from Sweden to Sicily and everywhere in between. In 1997 I met Janice and married her the following year. 1998 was a great year as I married the love of my life, I was also elected Chairman of the Atlantic Restoration Committee. A committee made up of 33 administrations from 27 countries. I served in that role for three years until I came to work for Cisco as a Systems Engineer working with optical networking gear. In 2002 Jan and I adopted our children (Wesley and Jaclyn) from Russia.

Today I most enjoy spending time with the family, whether it's vacationing at the beach, going to Disney World or just hiking or biking through the woods.

Meet Your Den Chiefs

Hi, my name is Nico M. and I am the new Den Chief for Den 4. I joined Cub Scouts as a Tiger with Pack 80 and earned my Arrow of Light last year. I am now a Boy Scout with Troop 83 in Somerville and have earned the rank of First Class Scout. I am in the 6th grade at ICS and play football and soccer in Somerville. I like being a Boy Scout because we go on a lot of good trips. We just got back from the Massachusetts where we slept on a Navy Destroyer. This summer we are going to summer camp in Virginia and then we are camping on the battlefield at Gettysburg in September! It's a lot of fun but also a lot of hard work. I really like being a Den Chief and I had a great time hiking during spring break with my new den.