

PACK 197 NEWS, ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

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Web Sites (you may find interesting)

- <http://www.lexpack197.org/> Pack 197 website
<http://www.bsaboston.org/> Boston, Minuteman Council web site. Pack 197 is in the Flintlock District.
<http://ci.lexington.ma.us/> Town Scout web site
<http://www.scouting.org/> Official BSA web site.

December Pack Meeting on Tues., Dec 18th, 7 pm– “Potato Pet Construction”

Put on your creative hat and construct and take home the pet you always wanted. The theme of our December Pack Meeting, on Dec 18th at 7:00 pm at the Elks Lodge, is “Potato Pet Construction”. Materials for constructing your “pet” will be provided. Design and construct a simple or intricate, common or fantastical, sweet or monstrous pet potato. Then take it home and give it all the tender loving care it deserves!

The 5th grade Webelos will host the meeting.

Pack Trip: “Best Christmas Pageant Ever”, Dec 15th, 7:00pm

The play will be at the Hancock United Church, 1912 Mass. Ave., Lexington on Dec 15th at 7:00 pm. Rob Cunningham will be at Hancock Church 15 minutes prior to performance for those who have not received their tickets.

Pinewood Derby, Jan 12, 2008

Build and race your own "grand prix" car! The Pinewood Derby race will be held on Jan 12, 2008 at Brookhaven Retirement Home (1010 Waltham Street, Lexington, opposite the Elks Lodge). Residents of Brookhaven have also been invited to participate. Cars are to be checked in at 9:00 am and racing will begin promptly at 10:00 am. Pinewood Derby kits will be available from Kathy Thompson for each Den at the Pack meeting.

Since the first race in 1953, Pinewood Derby races are a highlight of each year in Cub Scouting. Pinewood Derby cars are small wooden models that boys make with help from their families and then race in competition. The cars are powered by gravity and run down a regulation track. Designing and making the cars give our cubs practice at basic woodworking skills, and more importantly, it is a great opportunity for parents to build closer relationships with their boys while working together on a fun project. For the more competitively-minded, however, there are numerous websites with tips to help you build a winning car, including <http://members.aol.com/randywoo/pine/> and <http://www.scoutorama.com/derby/>.

Ecotarium Sleepover

Join us for an exciting night journey at the EcoTarium in Worcester, MA on February 2nd and 3rd. Enjoy the EcoTarium's environmental exhibits, planetarium and expansive grounds for a full night of interactive programs and guided explorations. The registration fee of \$52 per person includes admission, dinner (pizza), a late-night snack, and continental breakfast (donuts, danish, juice and coffee). Sign up early; limited spaces are still available. Make checks payable to Pack 197 and give or send payment to Bob Morse, 11 Joseph Rd., Lexington, MA 02420. For questions, contact Bob at 781-863-5261, or Bmorse@aol.com, or visit EcoTarium's website (<http://www.ecotarium.org/programs/overnights/>).

Looking Ahead:

Come see the Harlem Globetrotters at TD Banknorth Garden on Sunday March 30, 2008 at 12:30 p.m. Combining athleticism and a flair for entertainment, the Harlem Globetrotters is exhibition basketball at its best.

Help Make the Pack Go!

Active, committed Leaders and parents are the heart and soul of a successful Pack. Please consider volunteering some of your time and creativity to the Pack and your den. In particular, we are in need of a Cub Master and an Assistant Cub Master for 2008. For more information, call Rob Cunningham at 781-863-1886.