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# Pack 151 News

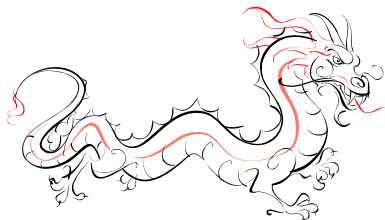
Black Diamond District, Mt. Diablo Silverado Council

*A special  
thank you to  
all the dens  
who made  
decorations for  
tonight's Blue  
and Gold  
Banquet.  
Great job!!*

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## Blue and Gold Dinner

Welcome to our Blue and Gold Ceremony. Tonight we are celebrating the anniversary month of cub scouting. Traditionally, this is the night that those Cub Scouts who have achieved the appropriate ranks in Cubs bridge over to become Boy Scouts. It is a very important night as this is the highest achievement that a Cub Scout can earn. Unfortunately, we have no one who is a Webelos II in our Troop this year. But we have a large number of Webelos I who hope to achieve this goal next year. Come back then and witness this awesome ceremony.



Tonight we are celebrating with a Chinese New Year theme. The different packs have been making decorations and having a great time preparing for this evening. Enjoy yourselves along with them.

We will also be having out traditional cake sale. All cakes on sale tonight were made by the cub scout and their dads (or some other father figure in their lives.) You can show your support for these Cub Scouts by purchasing a cake tonight. But, most importantly we like to you have a great time and just enjoy this night with the Cub Scouts of Pack 151.

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### THE YEAR OF THE RAT



Anyone born in 2008 will be born in the year of the rat. They will be noted for their charm, will work hard and are likely to be perfectionists. They will be thrifty with money and are usually very successful.

### WHAT IS YOUR SIGN?

What sign were you born? What sign was your cub scout born? See if you can find the answer. The first cub scout who can find a person born under each sign of the Chinese New Year will win a prize. Give your answer to Cub Master Dave. Shhh! Don't tell others what you are doing. Keep it secret so you'll have less competition!

## District Campfire

On Friday, February 1, 2008, the Scouts met at the Antioch Fairgrounds to enjoy a campfire, skits and we also did some flag retirements. For many of the scouts it was the first time they had ever actually seen a flag retired. It was an amazing experience.

They were all so cute standing at attention during the ceremony. As parents, we were all so proud of you.

In addition, there were many skits that night. Some of them were very funny, some were sing alongs and some were just plain fun. We would like to thank those scouts who performed a skit to keep the rest of us entertained.



## SNOW TRIP – MARCH 2, 2008

**WHERE:** Leland High Sierra Snowplay, Strawberry, CA

**PRICE:** \$13.75 per person. All day pass; includes equipment rental. (There is a "cord" lift that drags you up the hill. If that is available During our time there, the price is \$10 more)

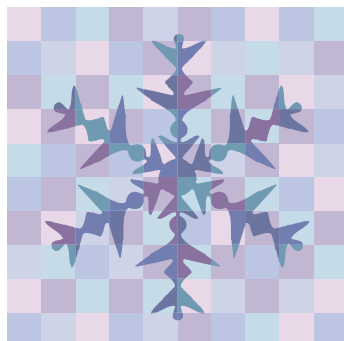
**LUNCH:** Bring lunch; we will have a picnic in the parking lot area

**TIME:** We will caravan from Belshaw Elementary.  
We will leave at 6:30 am SHARP!

**CONTACT:** Mike Bell (Webelos Leader) 848-4802

**AVAILABILITY:** ?????

The deadline has already passed. If you did not notify Mr. Bell or you den leader that you are going, you must ask him if there is still room. Den leaders: If any of the cub scout families notified you of their intention to attend the snow trip, that information should have been given to Mr. Bell by now. If it has not been done, please do so TONIGHT! Thanks!





The Tiger Cubs continue to strive hard on attaining the Bobcat Badge and would like to recognize the following boys for successful completion: Marc, Deonte, Luke, Nate, Michael, and Robert. Congratulations! I, and the rest of pack 151, look forward to presenting them their badge at the next pack meeting.

Tino  
Tiger Cub Den Leader



## Wolves

The Wolf Den 5 has been busy learning about Chinese New Year Customs, Celebrations and Animals in preparation for the YEAR OF THE RAT . We have created Lion Masks for the Dragon Dance, made Teddy Bear - Dog Shed - Gong - Spying Thing ( Tortilla Cutouts ) and decorations for the Blue & Gold Dinner.

Kenn Roloff, Den 5 Leader

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*Expectations exceed  
actual results.  
Learn to  
gauge your  
expectations.*

Hello everyone,  
This month we have been busy getting ready for the Blue and Gold. We made center placemats, dragons, and masks. Thanks to Jonathon and Dominick who came to the district campfire and performed a skit. A special thanks goes out to Jonathon's dad Victor who performed with them. We did lose a Bear this month, Gabe. He will be missed.

## Bears



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*"The wise man  
listens to his heart.*

*The foolish man  
listens to his friends.*



The Webelos spent the month working on their citizenship badge. Several reports were done by various scouts. They also worked on painting the large dragons for the Blue & Gold banquet and set up all the tables and chairs for us. Thank you, Webelos!

# Pinewood Derby – March 8, 2008

## Pinewood Derby Rules

1. All cars must pass inspection to qualify for the race. The inspection
  - a. The car must have been made during the current year (the year in which the derby is held)
  - b. The width of the car shall not exceed 2 ¾ inches.
  - c. The length of the car shall not exceed 7 inches.
  - d. The weight of the car shall not exceed 5 ounces.
  - e. Axles, wheels, and body wood shall be as provided in the kit. Only official BSA wheels are acceptable.
  - f. Wheel bearings, washers, and bushing are prohibited.
  - g. The car shall not ride on any kind or type of springs.
  - h. Any details added must be within length, width, and weight li
  - i. The car must be freewheeling, with no starting devices.
  - j. No loose materials of any kind (such as lead shot) will be allowed in the car.
  - k. The official number must be clearly marked or visible on both sides of the car.
2. Cars are to be "official" during weigh-ins. There will be two weigh-in days; Saturday, March 1 from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm and Thursday, March 6 from 6 – 8 pm. The weigh-in's will take place at the American Legion Hall. Once cars have passed inspection, they are to be left with Asst. Cubmaster John, who will in turn bring them to the derby on derby day.
3. During race day: Asst Cubmaster John will bring cars to derby. Cars will be set up by dens. Final preparations to the cars (ie. Lubrication of tires) will need to take place 1 hour before race starts. All vehicles are to be ready 10 minutes prior to start of races.
4. Each heat will be announced. Drivers names will be announced. The derby official will place the car on the track. All other people must remain behind the barrier.
5. The derby official will make sure the cars are on the track properly and then will start the race.
6. The car whose nose is over the finish line first is the winner. There will be another derby official at the end of the track to verify who is the winner.
7. If a car leaves the track, runs out of its lane, interferes with another car, loses an axle, etc., the heat will be rerun. If the same car gets into trouble on the second run, the contestant is disqualified and automatically loses that race.
8. When the results of the heat are recorded, the cars will be picked up by an official and returned to the car table.
9. Awards will be announced shortly after all heats are completed.



Come join us for a  
Day At The Races!

If your cub scout needs help with his Pinewood Derby car, that help will be available on Saturday, March 1 at the American Legion Hall from 2:00 to 6:00. If you would like to help any of the other boys, you may come down that day with your tools and assist us, as there will probably be more boys than helpers.

If your son's car needs extra weight, they will be available for purchase at the weigh-ins.

**Pack 151**

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- Membership  
Open
- Treasurer  
Debbie Miranda..... 757-5762  
(Happy Birthday Debbie on Feb. 19)

**Parent Meeting**

***We can't be great without your support..***

The next parent meeting will be held on Sunday, March 9, 2008 at Aladino's Pizza on Sunset Lane in Antioch. Please

try to stop by and help us decide where to spend our energy with your scouts.

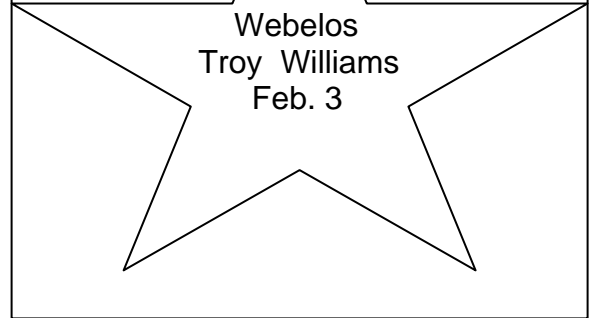
Should our spring events include hiking, camping, day camp, or some great

idea that you may have. We won't know unless you show up and tell us.

Remember:

Sunday, March 9  
Aladino's Pizza @ 6:00 pm

Happy Birthdays to our following scouts:



**CUB SCOUTS**  
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**NUMBER #1 SCOUT OF THE MONTH:**