



September 16, 2010

## Pack Has Exciting Summer Leading July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade and Camping in California's Historic Gold Country

Summer 2010 boasted a very busy roster of activities for Pack 262 members including a Pack Picnic at Clayton Community Park, Cub Scout Day Camp at Marsh Creek Springs, Clayton's Fourth of July Parade and the Pack's Annual Summer Camping Trip at the American River Resort in Coloma, CA.

### July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade

The Pack decided to forgo its usual float building and riding in the parade when a very unique opportunity developed. Wolf Den Leader Greg Keil generously donated use of the Clayton Fire Department Truck that he won at an Mt. Diablo Elementary School auction. Greg and his wife worked tirelessly to line up the Fire Truck for the Pack's use in the parade. Their efforts paid off grandly when the Pack, along with the Clayton Fire Department, had the honor of leading the parade down Main Street. The Cubs marched in front of the two fire trucks with a banner and color guard as lights flashed and sirens whaled. Four lucky Cub Scouts got to ride in the fire truck. At the end of the parade route, the generous fire officers gave every cub and sibling that wanted it a ride in their truck.

### Gold Country Camping

Over the weekend of July 30 – August 1st the Pack held its Annual Summer Camping Trip at the American River Resort in Coloma, CA. Forty-five happy Cub Scouts, their siblings and their parents made



the trek Friday afternoon to the campground just down the road from "ground zero" of the California 1849 Gold Rush. After setting-up camp, Quartermaster Mike Lauricella served a great dinner and smores were enjoyed by the kids.

Saturday's activities included a visit to Sutter's Mill at Gold Discovery State Park where a Park Ranger explained to the boys how and why Sutter built his saw mill along the American River.

Then, most importantly, he explained how gold was discovered. Half the group then walked to the gold discovery site and monument and the remainder panned for gold. After lunch, swimming in the campground's pool (with plenty of adult supervision)

was a popular way to pass the hot summer afternoon.

In the evening, visiting Troop 484 Boy Scouts Kyle Glantz and Vince Lehman lit the ceremonial camp fire they had built. Assistant Cubmaster Kevin Barry then officiated at the Camp Fire which featured skits prepared by the boys, songs and even a ghost story. Brownies prepared by our Quartermaster Assistant Debra Pellegrino, dutch oven hot peach cobbler and hot chocolate were a great way to end the night. Overall, the Camping Trio was a huge hit the boys and their families..

### Mark Your Calendars Now For These Upcoming Pack Events:

**Pack Popcorn Sales** – Ongoing though November 1<sup>st</sup>  
Suggested sales goal is \$200 per scout

**October Pack Meeting** – Thursday, October 21 / 7PM  
MUR

Earn a belt loop, play a game and enjoy a Halloween ghost story

**Scouting for Food** – Pass out door hangers Saturday  
November 13 / Food collection Saturday, November 20

**November Pack Meeting / Genius Night** – Thursday,  
November 18 / 7PM MUR