

## Scouting News February 2024

After a thrilling Cubanapolis in January, Cubs will be celebrating Boy Scouts of America's 114th birthday this month with its annual Blue and Gold Banquet. Recognitions and advancements will be the focus, along with a Cross-Over when three Webelos Cubs will transfer to the Boy Scout Troop. Cubs will also this month begin preparing their Pinewood Derby cars for the race in March.

The Troop competed in the Klondike Derby at Camp Lakota in January and is exploring the possibility of a Polar Bear, a cold-weather overnight camping experience, this month. In addition, snow tubing at Mad River Mountain is being considered.

Scout Sunday will be held on February 11 at St. John. As such, both Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts will attend the 9:30 service in full uniform. "On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God..." are the opening words to the Scout Oath. Reverent is one of the 12 points of the Scout Law. Both are repeated at the beginning of each Scout meeting. Thus, in Scouting, there is incorporated in the character development of our youth a reinforcing of having faith in God. Several Cubs and one Boy Scout will be receiving their religious award for completing the PRAY program, specific to each age group.

Youth and adults are always welcome to attend Pack and Troop events to learn more about the program. Questions at any time can be addressed to Mike Saxton, Chartered Organization Representative, at 419-439-2079.