BLACKSTONE VALLEY TRIBUNE

Cub Scouts Pack 316 celebrates the spirit of Scouting

DOUGLAS — On Friday, Sept. 5, the Douglas Cub Scouts from Pack 316 held their first pack meeting for the 2014-15 school year.

The theme of the Pack Meeting was, "Celebrate the Spirit of Scouting." The evening was full of skits, songs, and cheers, which were led by the 19 scouts who attended camp at Treasure Valley Scout Reservation in Rutland this past summer. The camp attendees shared their excitement for scouting and were also recognized for their achievements at camp. The scouts were awarded for their accomplishments in swimming, BB gun shooting, archery, and a variety of sports, as well their studies in geology, astronomy, and art.

In addition to the awards ceremony, Pack 316 also conducted a special "Sorting" Ceremony. The ceremony is similar to the experience Happy Potter had when he first arrived at Hogwarts. By means of a "magical" Boy Scout hat, along with a little help from technology, new scouts are introduced to the pack and informed of their new den. It was fun time to watch their faces and learn about their family, friends and hobbies. And, the other scouts enjoyed cheering them on!

The evening concluded with a game that combined a scavenger hunt, race, and musical chairs into one fun competition. All the dens, as well as siblings, raced to earn a totem for their den flag and bragging rights until the next pack meeting in October.

Pack 316 will continue to focus on Scout Spirit as it begins its new scouting year. According to the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), Scout spirit applies to how a Scout lives and conducts his "daily" life. He shows Scout spirit by being a role model to his peers, and living by the Scout Oath and Law. The concept of Scout spirit is not based on how many Scouting events or outings a Scout attends, but rather by how he helps bring out the best in others as a reflection of his own character and attitude in his "daily" life.

If you would like to learn more about the scouting experience and Pack 316, please email the pack at info@douglaspack316.com. Dens are just forming! We look forward to welcoming your scout into our pack!



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