



# Pack 241



## Returning Scout Welcome Back Letter 2017 – 2018

Returning Scout and Family,

Welcome to the new Scouting year! We have an active, fun-filled Scouting program planned for the year. As always, we will kickoff with our Water Extravaganza at Quintessence Park on August 20. As of now, the pack schedule for '17-'18 (also posted at [http://www.abqpack241.org/?page\\_id=188](http://www.abqpack241.org/?page_id=188) ) is as follows:

08/20 Water Extravaganza	11/11 Veterans Day Parade	03/15 Pack Meeting @ NS
08/24 Pack Meeting @ NS	11/16 Pack Meeting @ DE	03/18 Ice Skating
08/26 Popcorn Show-n-Sell	11/18 RR Food Bank Service	04/15 Parent's Choice Activity
08/27 Popcorn Show-n-Sell	12/07 Christmas Caroling	04/19 Pack Meeting @ DE
09/21 Pack Meeting @ DE	12/14 Pack Meeting @ NS	05/19 Crossover Camp
09/24 Fishing	01/15 **Skiing	05/27 Flag Placement
10/19 Pack Meeting @ NS	01/18 Pack Meeting @ DE	06/?? TBD
10/22 Three Sisters Hike	01/28 Pinewood Derby	07/?? TBD
11/05 Rocket Derby	02/24 Blue & Gold Banquet	**Family pays

Regarding finances, Pack 241 has reduced the registration fee this year to \$50, but increased the funding fee to \$150. To satisfy the \$150 funding fee, each Scout is expected to achieve \$417 or more of sales during the Great Southwest Council (GSWC) Popcorn Fundraiser. If the Scout is unable to achieve the \$417 in sales by the end of the Popcorn Fundraiser, he is expected to pay the difference in proceeds to attain the \$150 by the November 16 pack meeting. If he exceeds \$417 in sales, an individual Scout account will be tracked on his behalf for the additional unit proceeds he has earned. He can then use those funds to pay for future year registration and funding fees, camp, and/or uniform.

As an alternative, the Scout and their family may choose to “opt-out” of the Popcorn Fundraiser and pay the \$150 by cash, check, credit card, or PayPal. Also, should the individual family wish to do so, they may pay the combined total of \$200 in two installments. The first will be due at registration and the second will be due at the November 16 pack meeting. For further details, see the document at [http://www.abqpack241.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Pack241\\_Registration\\_and\\_Funding\\_Fees\\_2017-2018.pdf](http://www.abqpack241.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Pack241_Registration_and_Funding_Fees_2017-2018.pdf).

For details on Pack 241’s budget, please visit [http://www.abqpack241.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Pack241\\_Budget\\_2017-2018.pdf](http://www.abqpack241.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Pack241_Budget_2017-2018.pdf). For comparison, last year Pack 241:

- Charged most Scouts registration fees of \$70 plus a popcorn buyout of \$100 or commitment to sell \$300 in popcorn.
- Charged Webelos II's a registration fee that was \$10 less than the other ranks because those Scouts only participate in the Cub Scout program thru February. This apparently had been the practice at Pack 241 for some time. However, the cost of the Arrow of Light awards that the





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Webelo II Scouts receive at the Blue and Gold Banquet negates the savings associated with ending participation in Pack 241 activities after the Blue and Gold Banquet.

- Included a t-shirt for every Scout that registered.
- Did not have/maintain individual Scout Accounts.

Pack 241 remains in adequate financial condition with close to \$3000 in assets. To improve our position a bit, we will attempt to raise a few more funds through sales of food at the Pinewood Derby as well as do a bit of fundraising at the Blue & Gold event in February. More information will be forthcoming on this in the next month or so. While we're not looking to fund future generations, we are hoping to provide a little more financial stability. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the fees or financials, please contact the Treasurer (Kristelle Siarza) or Committee Chair (Brian Green).

In closing, we look forward to a great Scouting year and seeing your son have fun, make friends, grow, mature, and learn to appreciate the aims of Scouting:

- **Character Development** - Growth in moral strength and character. We may define this as what the boy is himself: his personal qualities, his values, his outlook.
- **Participating Citizenship** - Used broadly, citizenship means the boy's relationship to others. He comes to learn of his obligations to other people, to the community he lives in, to the government that presides over that community.
- **Fitness** - Development of physical, mental, and emotional fitness. Fitness includes the body (well-tuned and healthy), the mind (able to think and solve problems), and the emotions (self-control, courage, and self-respect).

Sincerely,

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