



## Grafton Scouts Venture Out!



## Pack 106 - Volunteering

Pack 106 like all scout units is run entirely by volunteers. At times we need a extra help and call upon parents to help out. Parents who actively participate in scout events almost always have sons that stay in scouting longer, earn more awards and find more enjoyment in scouting. I have compiled a list of many of the different ways parents can get involved even if they do not have a great deal of spare time.

### Feedback

The best way we know if we are doing well as a pack is by feedback from the parents. Letting us know what you thought went well helps us keep the popular parts of our program in place for subsequent years. Negative feedback is useful too, if you thought something did not go well, was not enjoyable or could be improved upon let us know - we'll try and do it better next time.

### Event Suggestion

If you know of an event that you might be fun for the Pack or Den to attend - tell us. There are certain guidelines we have to follow with events - cost, safety, number of boys etc - but we would love to hear new ideas for activities.

### Help at an Event

There are a ton of ways parents can help out at events - here are a few examples.

- Got space in your car ? Some of our overnights require a lot of equipment - sports, cooking, projector and screen. We quite often need help with these. And any events where we have the "crossover bridge" or pinewood derby track we could use help moving these.
- Cooking - we can always use help in the kitchen with preparations, cooking, cleaning or even setting a menu. Got some campfire recipes you can teach the pack - we'd love to have you show us.

- Song/Skit - got a song/skit from your scouting days you want to share with the pack ?

## Event Organization

For every event there is usually a lot of behind the scenes preparation that most parents do not get to see, if you want to take ownership of an event let us know. It can be hard work at times but it is rewarding when you see your hard work pay off when the event is a success.

## Special Skills

If you have a special skill - we would love to have you demonstrate to a den or even the whole pack. If you work with animals - bring them along! Other skills like workworking, handicraft ... even knitting and sewing can make interesting activities for Den meetings - if you are not sure ask your Den leader.

If you work somewhere and think a go-see-it would be of interest to your sons Den reach out to you Den leaders. Example might be a large computer room, a warehouse, a factory ( as long as the area is safe for kids to walk through )

## Lead a Den meeting

Our Den Leaders are hard working parents just like you - and we don't always have as much time as we would like to plan out our meetings. If there is an activity that leads to an advancement badge, belt loop or pin that you have expertise in or just an interest in ask your Den Leader if you can run that activity at a meeting. Your son will love your involvement.

## Reach out

The Pack and Den leaders do not always know who the best people to contact if they need help. If an event is coming up and you think you can help don't wait to be asked for help - we all like to be approached and asked if there is anything that can be done.

