

Pack 994 Feb. 2008 - Chinese New Year

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Sat. 3/29
Pack 994 Blue & Gold 4:30 PM in the Celebration Hall
- ◆ Sat.-Sun 4/19-20
Pack 994 Spring Campout Location TBD
- ◆ Mon. 4/28
Pack 994 Rain gutter Regatta
6:30 PM outside near the playground
- ◆ Sun. 5/4
2008-2009 Pack Planning Meeting
6:30 pm- 8:00 pm in HUMC Fellowship Hall
Pot Luck Dinner
Sign Up Tonight!
Leaders expected
Parents Invited
- ◆ Mon. 5/19
Pack 994 Final Meeting "Leaf it to Cubs" 7:00 PM in Celebration Hall

Cubmaster's Minute

Happy Chinese New Year!—or more appropriately, Gung Hay Fat Choy!—the traditional Chinese New Year greeting. On February 7, 2008 we welcome the Chinese year 4706. Let's celebrate and welcome the New Year with dragon dances, paper lanterns, games, and fortune cookies.

Scouter's Corner

Pack 994 is one of only four packs in the Cherokee-Pickens District (total of 28 packs) to have 100% trained leaders. Thanks to all our parents and leaders who go the extra mile to give the boys a great program. As always, we need more leaders for 2008-2009. Don't be afraid to step up now!

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- 7:00 Opening Flag Ceremony / Cub Scout Promise / Law of the Pack - Den 1&2 🎵
- 7:10 100% Trained Leaders Pack Award - Donna Carr
- 7:15 Pinewood Derby Recap - Mike Hayes
- 7:20 Breakout Groups
 - 7:20-7:35
 - Group 1 - Chopstick Relay Race / Lame Chicken Game In the Youth Suite
 - Group 2 - Make Your Dragon Masks in the Sanctuary
 - 7:35-7:50 Switch
- 7:50 Advancement and Awards / February Birthdays
- 7:55 Blue & Gold Banquet Update
- 8:00 Camping Update - Day Camp, Twilight Camp, Webelos Encampment, Wolf and Bear Encampment, Spring Campout
- 8:05 Dragon Dance 🎵
- 8:15 Closing Prayer and Closing Flag Ceremony

• Really Important Stuff to be Done

- Tonight!
- Somebody will volunteer to lead April's Raingutter Regatta
- Somebody will volunteer to lead Day Camp for the Pack
- Sign up for Twilight Camp
- Sign up for Day Camp
- Sign up for May Parents Meeting Pot Luck
- Sign up for the April Spring Campout
- Final Headcount and Pay For Blue & Gold Banquet (\$4 per person, max \$16 per family)

The Chinese New Year is celebrated on the first day of the First Moon of the lunar calendar, and can occur any time between January 22nd and February 19th, depending on the year. Chinese communities around the world traditionally celebrate the Chinese New Year with a two-week festival. (It's the most colorful and important of all Chinese festivals.)

In the Chinese cycle of years, Twelve animals are recognized as having the characteristics of specific years: 1) rat, 2) ox, 3) tiger, 4) cat, 5) dragon, 6) snake, 7) horse, 8) goat 9) monkey, 10) rooster, 11) dog, 12) pig.

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Long ago, the 12 animals had a quarrel about who was going to be the leader in the cycle of years. To settle the argument, the 12 animals held a contest by a riverbank. The first animal to reach the other side of the river would be the leader, and the rest would receive their years according to when they finished the race.

All of the animals jumped in the river at once and began to swim across. The big, strong ox was in the lead, but the clever rat jumped up on his back. Just as the ox was about to climb onshore, the rat jumped off and won the race. The pig was the laziest of the animals, and so, he got to the other side last. And that is why, in the Chinese cycle of years, the rat is the first year cycle, the ox second, and the pig last!