

INFORMATION SHEET
For the Mercer Area District
SOAPBOX DERBY CUBARAMA
Saturday, April 20, 2013
9:00 AM until 4:00 PM
Rosedale Park

For updates see: <http://mad-bsa.org/spring2013>

Summary: On April 20th, 2013, the Mercer Area District will again hold its Spring Cubarama at a close, convenient location for everyone in the District this year – Rosedale Park in Hopewell Township, NJ. For information on Rosedale Park go to: http://www.state.nj.us/counties/mercer/commissions/park/rosedale_park.html

Cub Scouts will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities Archery, fishing, orienteering, knot tying, crafts, nature programs, and more!! There will be many opportunities for the Scouts to work on rank achievements and electives, belt loops, pins, and Webelos Activity Badges. At the end of the Cubarama we are tentatively planning a Cub Scout campfire for all Cubarama participants to celebrate the closing of the event and present awards to Packs that ran stations.

As we have done for the last few Spring Cubaramas, every Pack is asked to run a station to help make this a great event for everyone with plenty of fun things for the Scouts and their siblings to do. To sign your Pack up to run a station (or get ideas of what you can do for a station) send us an e-mail at program@mad-bsa.org.

Location: Rosedale Park is part of the Mercer County Park Commission. The park is located at 414 Federal City Rd, Hopewell Township, NJ 08534. **GPS Coordinates N 40 19 38.4882 W 74 45 39.3186**. The park is accessible off of Lawrenceville/Pennington Rd.(County Rd. 546).

Eligibility: The Cubarama is open to all Cub Scouts, Cub Scout Leaders and their families. All participants are required to register and pay the Cubarama fee, regardless of the duration of their stay at this event.

Prospective Cub Scouts: Boys who are Prospective Cub Scouts are invited to attend the Cubarama. Each Prospective Cub Scout must: (1) not be currently registered in Scouting, (2) be in Kindergarten to Fourth Grade, and (3) be accompanied by an adult. Prospective Cub Scouts are required to register for free and any accompanying adults are also required to register and pay the applicable fee.

This is a great recruiting event for all of the Packs and gives prospective Scout families an incredible opportunity to see what Scouting is all about. Packs are strongly encouraged to host Prospective Cub Scouts at the Cubarama. If a Pack is hosting any



Prospective Cub Scouts, they must be listed along with their accompanying adults on the Pack Registration Form in order to be covered by BSA insurance.

Webelos Camping: Webelos Dens are invited to join the Boy Scouts camping for the weekend on April 19th through April 21st. The Webelos will be able to participate in many (however not all) of the activities the Boy Scouts are doing. Webelos dens must register with and camp with a Boy Scout Troop. If you do not know who the leaders are in the Troop your Pack is affiliated with or do not have a Troop that is attending, please contact us at program@mad-bsa.org and we will introduce you to Troops that are attending so that all Webelos can have the opportunity to see what Boy Scouting is all about. If you are attending the Camporee, you need to register with the Troop and **NOT** through the Pack registration.

Registration: The early registration for this event is \$10 for all participants attending only the Cubarama (Webelos camping for the weekend need to register through the Troop they are attending with). Early registration ends at 5:00 PM on Friday, March 29, 2013, and payment must be received in the office by this day with the list of Scouts, leaders, and family members attending. After March 29, 2013, the regular registration fee of \$15 will apply. Registration for the event closes at 5:00 PM on Friday, April 12, 2013. Everyone registered for the event in advance will receive a patch made especially for this event.

Rain or Shine: This is a rain or shine event. Most activities will be outside, but some events will be under covered areas. Please dress appropriately for the weather.

Saturday Activities: Activity stations will be open all day (9:00 am to 4:00 pm). There will be some stations only open to Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts. Similarly, there will be some stations only open to Boy Scouts. The activity schedule distributed that day will include information on what stations are open to the Cub Scouts and Webelos as well as a map of the stations. At most activity stations, a Cub Scout or sibling who does their best in the activity will earn one activity point, but some will count more. Each Cub Scout, Prospective Cub Scout, or sibling who earns at least eight (8) activity points through the day will receive a special pin.

Short Treks Around Rosedale Park: The Park has several short hikes around the Park and the Lake. For information on the trails go to:

<http://www.njtrails.org/trailguide.php?TrailID=70>

Trading Post: Hot dogs, french fries, water, soda, chips, and candy will be available for purchase during the day at the Trading Post that will be set up in the main activities field.

Saturday Campfire: We are tentatively planning to have a camp fire for all of the Cubarama participants at 4:15 PM on Saturday. More details to follow. WE NEED A LEADER TO PLAN AND RUN THE CAMPFIRE. Please reach out to Rich Pfaltzgraff at program@mad-bsa.org to volunteer to run this.

What to bring: Participants should attend the event in their uniform with comfortable walking shoes. As the event is rain or shine, it is advised to bring rain gear. April can be



chilly so bring a warm jacket. You always need to stay hydrated and potable water will be available, but you should bring a water bottle with you to store water in. You can either buy lunch and snacks at the Trading Post or bring snacks and a sandwich with you. As this is a park and hiking is involved, it is always wise to have a whistle with you for emergencies.

Parking and Check-in:

Cubarama participants may arrive no earlier than 8:30 AM on Saturday morning.

Packs and Dens should car pool as much as possible. All Cubarama Parking will be located within the Park first using the available parking lots followed by parking along the road. All Cubarama vehicles must park in the designated parking area only. Please follow the instructions of the volunteer parking attendants & Park Rangers. No parking is allowed in any of the roadways. When parking, please be sure to park close to the other cars head first so we can fit as many cars as possible while not blocking anyone in.

The Registration Area will be clearly marked. A schedule of activities will be available at check in. Each attendee will receive a special patch for the event when they check in.

Driving Directions to Rosedale Park

1. From Interstate 95:

Take Exit 5B-Federal City Road north. At the second light (1.2 miles) turn left onto Lawrenceville Pennington Road. In .5 miles turn right onto Federal City Road again. Rosedale Park is straight ahead in 1.4 miles.

2. From Princeton:

Take Route 206 south to the light on Carter Road. Turn right onto Carter Road and proceed 1.7 miles to the light at Cold Soil Road where you will turn left. In 1.5 miles turn right onto Blackwell Road. One parking lot and access to trails is on the right in .5 miles. To get to the main entrance of the park, continue for .4 miles and turn right onto Federal City Road. The park is in .2 miles.

General Camp Rules: The following items are strictly prohibited: pets; real or toy personal firearms; sling shots; B-B guns; bows and arrows; “paint ball” guns; crossbows; real or toy throwing or stabbing weapons (except for folding pocket knives for which scouts must have their Whittling Chip Card with them) or items which could be used as such; explosives; sheath knives; fireworks; model rockets; alcoholic beverages; skateboards; roller blades; private boats; narcotics; RVs; campers; hazardous materials. Scouts will not be allowed to bring electronic entertainment devices such as: gameboys, iPods, CD players, Mpeg players, radios and tape players. Authorized cell phones must have their ringers turned off except in emergency situations.

We are on public property and must follow all rules of the Mercer County Park system including, but not limited to: no hunting, no gambling, no throwing debris into the lake, carry in and carry out all of your trash; and no swimming in the lake is permitted. If



fishing, you must bring your own pole and anyone 16 or over is required to have in their possession at all times a valid NJ fishing license.

Only battery-operated lanterns are permitted in tents. Absolutely no propane lights, candles, etc. are permitted inside any tent.

No smoking inside any tent or building or in any area of the Cubarama. No smoking in sight of the Scouts.

Note: It is the policy of Mercer County Park Commission to not close the park to the general public even during private events. Therefore, non-Scouts & Scouters may be present during the Camporee. The Buddy System **MUST** be enforced at all times. Flush toilets in the Bathroom Building are for Adults only. Scouts are to use the Porta-Johns provided.

Refund Policy: In accordance with the Council Refund Policy, there are no refunds for this event. The complete refund policy can be found at:

<http://www.cnjcsouting.org/program/refund-policy/>



Proposed Stations for Cub Scouts, Prospective Cub Scouts and Siblings
(Tigers, Wolves, Bears, and Webelos Scouts):

1. **ORIENTEERING** – Learn the skills of orienteering and try out an orienteering course designed just for this event by a fellow Pack.
2. **VOLLEYBALL** – Challenge another den or Pack to a game of Volleyball while you work on your Volleyball belt loop and pin.
3. **BASKETBALL** – Come out and work on your Basketball belt loop and pin while you have some fun with your fellow scouts and families.
4. **FISHING** – Please plan to bring your own fishing equipment. Please remember that anyone age 16 and above must have in their possession a valid license to fish the fresh waters of New Jersey with a hand line or rod and line. No bow and arrow fishing is permitted at this event. We will be giving awards out in our fishing contest to the Cub Scouts and the Boy Scouts that catch the biggest fish (by weight). All fishing is to be catch and release.
5. **TIE IT RIGHT** - Learn the right way to tie basic knots, packages, and shoelaces.
6. **CUB SCOUT CRAFTS** – Have fun and make some crafts to bring home. All equipment will be supplied.
7. **KITE FLYING** – Bring your kite with you to fly with your fellow scouts or make your own kite at the Cubarama and fly it.
8. **CUB SCOUT OUTDOOR SKILLS** – Work on your Cub Scout outdoor skills for hiking, camping, and cooking.
9. **ARCHERY RANGE** - Range will be open throughout the day. Cub Scouts will have the opportunity to work on their Archery belt loops and pins. All equipment will be supplied.
10. **GEOLOGY** – Scouts will learn about the geology in New Jersey.
11. **WATERSHED** – Scouts will learn about the Watershed in New Jersey.
12. **Stomp Rockets**
13. **And more stations to come!!**

We need Packs & volunteers to run each station. Please reach out to us at program@mad-bsa.org to tell us what station your Pack will run
(propose another idea if you have one)

SEE YOU AT THE CUBARAMA!!



Map of Route to Rosedale Park

