

# WES Pack 365 March Updates



*EXPLORING CENTRAL OHIO'S OWN  
"100 ACRE WOODS!"*

## SAVE THE DATE: MAY 8TH!



We have reserved Camp Lazarus in Delaware for the full day of Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. We plan to have a Blue & Gold ceremony for our four AOLs and a crossover ceremony for the rest of our scouts. We'll have to wait and see if these celebrations will be for the entire pack or if we'll split up the day with slots for each den, and if dinner and/or camping will be a possibility. Either way, the Simon Kenton Council camp will be a great outing with hiking trails and creeking along the Olentangy.

## MARCH DEN CHALLENGE

Check out the Dublin Arts Council's Riverboxes, a combination of letterboxing and geocaching that uses map-reading or GPS skills. Riverboxes along the Scioto River contain a stamp, journal and environmental information. Have your Akela help you download a passport booklet at <https://dublinarts.org/visual-arts/riverboxes/>. The website also lists GPS coordinates for the Riverbox locations.

You are also encouraged to bring a personal journal and an ink stamp. You can always use the stamp we included with your Pack 365 Adventure Passport! Then, when you find a Riverbox, mark the journal there with *your* stamp and stamp your journal with *their* stamp. Have your Akela post a picture of you with a Riverbox on Facebook (or email that you completed this month's challenge to cubmaster.pack365@gmail.com).

## MARCH PACK HIKE

This month, explore a hidden gem in the Metroparks system, Big Walnut Creek Parkland, dubbed "100 Acre Woods" (from *Winnie-the-Pooh*) by park rangers. There is no parking lot, no restrooms, no signage, and no official trails (although some orange blazes mark an unofficial trail). Just enjoy the woods that lead to a ravine and the creek.

Directions for Akelas: From 270, take 161 to exit 42 and follow signs for Little Turtle Way. Take Little Turtle Way for 0.5 mile and continue on to Cambria Way for about another 0.5 mile. You will see woods on your right. We turned around in the Silvertree development on your left and parked outside of #5247 Cambria Way, then crossed the road to the clearing and started our trek into the woods there.

As with any "backpacking" exploration, remember to take your six essentials: water, trail food, a first-aid kit (no park rangers on site), flashlight, sun protection, and emergency whistle. A compass is also a good idea, although private property signs are well marked and on the edges of woods you can easily see houses to follow your way back to Cambria Way.

Have your Akela share a pic on Facebook or let our Hikemaster Mr. Cunningham know you completed the hike by emailing [cunning.kev242@gmail.com](mailto:cunning.kev242@gmail.com).



*Parking along Cambria Way*