

Here is a little news about the Scout Pack and Troop that are chartered by St. Mary's. We have been surviving the pandemic by meeting on Zoom over the winter, but are now meeting outside on the church parking lot. We observe proper social distancing and mask use when we meet in person, and use Zoom for fun activities and storytelling during inclement weather.

This winter, the Cub Scouts learned about winter camping, while the Troop experienced it for themselves. The *Anchorage Daily News* even did a piece about Nadia, one of our Webelos, when she built a snow cave at her house after hearing about it in Cub Scouts. Check it out for yourself: <https://www.adn.com/alaska-life/2021/03/30/anchorage-girl-turns-snow-pile-into-quinzee-and-three-run-sledding-hill/>.

Now that breakup is here, have you been thinking about finding a low cost, low obligation activity that will get your kids outdoors? The boys and girls of St Mary's Cub Scout Pack are having lots of fun every Wednesday between 6:30 and 7:30. They have been building kites out of newspaper, carving figurines out of soap and learning about nature. This week they helped keep St. Mary's campus nice by picking up the trash that is coming out of the snow as it melts away.

The guys from the Scout Troop have been learning about their rights and obligations as a citizen of Anchorage. They are also getting outside to do a little Geo-Caching now that the weather is warmer. We have a whole summer ahead of us for frisbee golf, camping and other activities - you will probably see us go by with a canoe or two on top of our cars as we head out of town. Troop 8 is for boys between the ages of 11 and 18 and meets on Thursdays from 7:00 – 8:30. We don't have enough girls yet to form our own girls' troop, but if you know a girl aged 11-18 who is interested in Scouting let me know; there are plenty of Troops in town for girls.

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