

WHAT WILL SCOUTS COST ME? As of Sep 2005

Pack 723 Membership Fee (\$80)

BSA Registration (12 months)	10.80
Boys Life Magazine (12 months)	12.00
Pack T-shirt (class "B" uniform)	6.00
Pinewood Derby Car Kit	5.00
Pack Expenses	47.20
Awards & Prizes	
Adult Leader Fees	
Supplies	
Pack Fees to BSA	

Uniform (Pack 723 does not require BSA pants or shorts)

Shirt	24.00
Shoulder Loops	1.70
Belt	8.95
Belt Buckle	3.35
Hat	11.80
Neckerchief	4.90 – 5.85
Neckerchief Slide	2.30
Insignia	
Den numbers	1.40
Pack numbers	2.70 each
Council patch	4.50
World crest	1.50

Book 3.60 – 6.50

Uniforms items and books can be purchased at Sunny's

Optional Activities

Pack Family Activities	varies (usually free)
District/Council Events	Varies

WHERE CAN I GO FOR INFORMATION ?

1. Pack 723 committee or den leaders
2. On-line at our pack website www.cubscoutpacksonline.com/Md/723
District website www.crwflags.com/4rd
Council website www.baltimorebsa.org
National website www.bsa.scouting.org

WHAT TRAINING IS AVAILABLE?

1. On-line

Youth Protection Training (required for all adults) (don't worry, it's painless and takes less than 15 minutes)

Fast Start (very basic introduction to Cub Scouting)

2. In-Person

Cub Scout Leader Basic Training
Cub Scout Leader Rank Specific Training
Outdoor Leader Training
Safety Afloat/Safe Swim
Pack Committee Training

Scheduled by the 4 Rivers District several times a year. Check the Pack schedule for listings or the 4Rivers District website. Sign up on-line.

Roundtable

4 Rivers District runs a monthly informational meeting called Roundtable. It is held on the second Monday of each month – usually at Old Mill Middle School. Tons of information is given out and Cub Scouting workshops are available. All leaders, parents, even scouts are encouraged to attend.

3. Why training?

Leaders, committee members, and parents who participate in Cub Scouts are required to attend training classes, set by National BSA and run by District and Council.

We must have a certain percentage of trained leaders to remain a chartered BSA organization.

Training gives you a better understanding of the Cub Scout goals and values. It also gives you many ideas for making your son's scouting experience truly special.

4. How do I register for training?

On-line
At Roundtable
Through your den leader
Through a pack committee member

5. What next?

You will receive a "TRAINED" card at the end of the session. Keep this card!

Present the card to our Pack Trainer for our pack records.

CUB SCOUT PACK 723 INFORMATION GUIDE

INTRODUCTION

Cub Scouting is the elementary school branch of the Boy Scouts of America. While most Cub Scouts bridge over to Boy Scouts in 5th grade, Cub Scouting should be viewed as a separate, self-contained experience – not simply as an introduction or “waiting room” for Boy Scouting.

The goals of Cub Scouting are to nurture each boy to be self-confident, responsible, and aware of the world around him. Cub Scouting weaves educational and fun activities designed to assist parents in strengthening character, citizenship, and physical fitness in their sons.

Scouting emphasizes traditional values, patriotism, self-growth, team spirit, community pride, reverence and respect, and incremental maturation of the individual scout.

Pack 723 consists of dens geared toward grade level and Cub Scout rank. Each year the rank activities get more demanding and more rewarding.

Tiger Cub dens are for 1st graders
Wolf Cub dens are for 2nd graders
Bear Cub dens are for 3rd graders
Webelo I dens are for 4th graders
Webelo II dens are for 5th graders

Boys may join Pack 723 at any grade level and at any time of the year.

Each den consists of a volunteer den leader and assistant den leader, usually parents of scouts in that den.

Overseeing the dens are the pack committee consisting of: the Cubmaster, Assistant Cubmaster, Treasurer, Pack Trainer/Advancement Chair, Webmaster, Chartered Organization Representative, and the Committee Chair.

THE ROLE OF SCOUTS IN CUB SCOUTING

1. Cub Scouting is an individual effort with the organized den setting. Scouts are not in competition with other scouts, other den, or other packs to complete achievements, elective, belt loops, or other accomplishments. Boys are in scouting to have fun and for personal growth. This does not belittle the importance of den and pack loyalty, simply saying that boys should be allowed to be individuals.
2. Participation in den meeting and den activities is mandatory. Attendance at pack meetings is strongly encouraged.
3. Participation in pack events – such as the Pinewood Derby, Blue and Gold Dinner, pack camping events, annual picnic, and monthly pack activities - is optional, but strongly encouraged for the Scout to benefit from the full Cub Scouting experience.
4. Participation in pack service projects – scheduled fall and spring service projects, Scouting for Food, Toys for Tots, and any other pack service projects – is mandatory.
5. Participation in District or Council events – such as summer day camp, Woodsmoke, Klondike Derby, Cub Scout Olympics, Highland Games, Popcorn Sale Fundraiser or other events – is optional, but strongly encouraged.
6. Fighting, malicious behavior of any kind, excessive teasing, dangerous play, or disruptive behavior will not be tolerated at den or pack meetings or activities. Boys (and/or their siblings) are not permitted to run at school or be on the stage unless directed to be so by the den leader or Cubmaster.

THE ROLE OF PARENTS CUB SCOUTING

1. Parental involvement and encouragement is essential to a successful and happy Cub Scouting experience for the boys.
 - >Tiger Cub program requires an adult partner at all times.
 - >Wolf and Bear program strongly encourages parental involvement at all activities.
 - >Webelo program suggests parental involvement in all activities.
2. Parents are responsible for getting their Scouts to all den meetings and activities and to all pack meetings and activities.
3. Parents should ensure that their Scout is respectful and attentive during den meeting and activities, and during pack meetings and activities. The den and pack leadership is not responsible for supervision of boys with habitual behavior or attitude problems.
4. Parents should maintain positive communication with den leaders and pack leaders. Parents should feel welcome to offer suggestions for den or pack activities. Parents are encouraged to attend the May annual planning meeting.
5. Parents should set a good example for their Scouts by learning the Cub Scout promise, sign, motto, salute, handshake, and law. When the leaders raise the Cub Scout sign at meeting, parents should respond with the sign and silence to encourage the Scouts to do the same.
6. Parents are encouraged to obtain BSA Youth Protection Training and Fast Start, both available on-line. Training schedules for more advanced training opportunities will be posted on-line.
7. Parents are strongly encouraged to take a leadership role in the pack. Remember, Cub Scouting cannot exist without all of us volunteering some time to support our children.

THE ROLE OF LEADERS IN CUB SCOUTING

1. Den Leaders guide the Scouts with each rank. They will diligently cover all the requirements and go the extra mile to keep the boys interested and enthusiastic.
 - >Tiger Leaders will work on Tiger Cub Achievements as set forth in the Tiger Cub Handbook (appropriate substitutions can be made at the Leader's discretion). Supplemental activities are encouraged. Tiger can earn elective, Tiger Track beads, and belt loops.
 - >Wolf Leaders will ensure that the boys earn their Bobcat Badge during the first month.
 - >If a boy joins Cub Scouts later, the Leader will ensure that he earns his Bobcat Badge first thing.
 - >Wolf and Bear Leaders will work on Achievements and Electives as set forth in the Wolf and Bear Cub Handbooks. (Appropriate substitutions can be made at the Leader's discretion.) Progress Toward Rank (Immediate Recognition) beads will be given out promptly and when appropriate. Wolves and Bears can also earn arrow heads, belt loops, and pins.
 - >Webelo Leaders will work on Webelo badges as set forth in the Webelo Handbook (appropriate substitutions can be made at the Leader's discretion). Supplemental activities are encouraged. Webelos can earn arrow heads, belt loops, pins, and compass points.
2. Leaders will encourage scouts to work within the den structure for advancement. Scouts working on their own is not the Cub Scout culture Pack 723 wishes to foster. Competitiveness or "one-up-manship" or racing ahead to the next rank is contrary to Cub Scout values.
3. Den Leaders should pace the scouts by scheduling achievements, belt loops, etc. throughout the year. Encourage the boys to enjoy and be proud of their time in each rank. Plan extra "enrichment" activities. Create a team spirit within the den.
4. Den Leaders will make an effort to publish a written schedule for the year and distribute this to all the scouts and their parents. A written schedule gives the scouts and their parents the ability to plan ahead and helps to ensure full participation. Your den schedule can be placed on the Pack web site.
5. Den Leaders are the main conduit from the den parents and scouts to the Pack Committee for any information or issues, and vice versa.
6. Den Leaders will maintain contact with Pack leaders, respond promptly to phone calls or e-mails, attend meetings when require, and disseminate information to their dens. Leaders should get Cubmaster approval for outings and den events to confirm that they conform to Pack 723 and BSA regulations. Just as scouts work within the den structure, dens must work within the Pack structure, and the Pack within the District/Council/BSA structure.

7. Leaders will be "role-models" by wearing the proper leader uniform and participating in all pack events. Leaders will encourage scouts and their parents to participate.
8. Leaders will complete all required leader training within 6 months of becoming a leader, and; subsequently, prior to advancement to the next rank. They will keep the Pack Trainer informed of their training status. It is the Leaders' responsibility to find out when and where the training is available and register. The Pack will pay any fees. The training schedule is available on-line at the 4 Rivers District site. Trained leaders are required by BSA regulations for us to keep our charter.
 - >Youth Protection Training (renewable every 3 years) – available on-line
 - >Fast Start – available on-line
 - >Basic Leader Training – offered once every fall and spring
 - >Tiger Leader, Cub Scout Leader (covers both Wolf and Bear), Webelo Leader Training (which includes Outdoor Leader Training) – offered once every fall and spring usually the same day as BLT
 - >Safe Swim and Safety Afloat (necessary for any water events – strongly advised for Webelo leaders) – offered several times throughout the year (renewable every 3 years)
 - >Committee members will do YPT, FS, BLT, and Pack Committee Training – offered once every fall and spring
 - >Cubmaster and Assistant Cubmaster will do YPT, FS, BLT, and Cubmaster Training – offered once every fall and spring.
9. Den Leaders will keep an accurate record of each scout's accomplishments. This will follow the scout until he bridges over to Boy Scouts. Den Leaders will use the *Advancement Record* form (or his/her own equivalent) for the scout's tenure.
10. Den Leaders submit all scout accomplishments and requests for scout recognition to the Pack Advancement Chair at each monthly Leader's meeting or date specified by the PAC. Den leaders will use the *Den Recognition Report* form (or the PAC's equivalent) each month. Den Leaders will attempt to ensure that all their scouts earn some form of recognition at each Pack meeting so den camaraderie is maintained.
11. Leaders take responsibility for the Pack event assigned to that rank. If there are multiple dens of that rank, leaders should work together at their own discretion. It would be very helpful if leaders kept an "event book" which could be passed down each year.
12. Leaders will complete the Chartered Organization Youth Protection Training if and when it becomes necessary.

CUB SCOUT UNIFORM AND ESSENTIALS

1. Cub Scouts need to be properly equipped. All scouts must have a rank appropriate Cub Scout Handbook. Other necessary equipment is at the discretion of the den leaders. Scouts must have the appropriate uniform.
2. Pack 723 will adhere to the following uniform regulation:
 - >Tiger, Wolf, and Bear scouts will wear the blue Cub Scout shirt with proper insignia (see handbook), rank scarf and slide, Cub Scout belt and buckle, and clean neat pants of their choosing (Pack 723 does not require the official Cub Scout pants or shorts).
 - >Webelo scouts have the option of wearing the Boy Scout khaki shirt with proper insignia, rank scarf and slide, Boy Scout belt and buckle, and clean neat pants. Webelos also wear the Webelo badge ribbon device.
 - >Red (Brag) vest is reserved for Webelo scouts as a sign of their advanced rank.
 - >Hats and Cub Scout pants are optional
 - >Official Cub Scout uniform items can be purchased at Sunny's off West Street in Parole or on Ritchie Highway in Glen Burnie. BSA maintains Scout Shops in Baltimore and Rockville. Unfortunately, BSA is not yet equipped to serve us on-line.
 - >Pack t-shirts will be distributed by the Pack.
3. Cub Scouts will learn to wear the uniform with pride. All insignia will be affixed securely, shirts will be tucked in, scarves will be worn with the slide or knotted, belts with Cub Scout buckle will be worn with clean neat pants.
4. The uniform described above is the "class A" uniform. This will be worn to all pack meetings or pack activities, as well as official Cub Scout den or pack outings. **(BSA regulations for insurance purposes – this is important!)**

5. The "class B" uniform consists of the official Pack 723 t-shirt (or any other official Cub Scout t-shirt, such as summer camp, Highland games). It should be worn to all den meetings. The Cubmaster may authorize "class B" for specific activities, where the "class A" may be deemed inappropriate.
6. Cub Scouts will wear (with pride) their Cub Scout uniform to school on the day of the Pack meeting each month. Class A or B is acceptable.
7. BSA prohibits the use or carrying of weapons, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, morally questionable literature or pictures, offensive language or gestures at any and all Cub Scout activities. This applies to scouts, leaders, and parents.
 - >BSA qualified archery and gun counselors may instruct the boys at sanctioned activities.
 - >Cub Scouts who have earned their Whittlin' Chip (during Bear year) may carry a pocketknife, only if they have the Whittlin' Chip card on their person.
 - >Knives are never permitted on school property.

PACK 723 STRUCTURE

1. National Boy Scouts of America
2. Baltimore Area Council
3. 4 Rivers District (ALL VOLUNTEER)
4. Pack 723 (ALL VOLUNTEER)
 - >Pack Committee
 - Cubmaster
 - Assistant Cubmaster
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
 - Pack Advancement Chair/Pack Trainer
 - Webmaster
 - Committee Chair (liaisons with District and Council)
 - Assistant Committee Chair
 - Chartered Organization Representative (liaisons with chartered organization)
 - >Den Leaders/Assistant Den Leaders
 - Tiger Dens
 - Wolf Dens
 - Bear Dens
 - Webelo I Dens
 - Webelo II Dens
 - >Parent Volunteers for special events (such as Popcorn sales or Pinewood Derby)
5. Chartered Organization

BSA requires Cub Scout Packs to be sponsored (chartered) by a non-profit organization. Pack 723 recently changed sponsorship to St. Andrew by the Bay Catholic Church. This in no way implies a religious element to the Pack. St. Andrew simply provides a necessary "cover."

Pack 723 holds its den and pack meetings at Windsor Farm Elementary School and considers itself the Windsor Farm Cub Scouts.

The benefits to this sponsorship are: access to a meeting space for big events, association with Boy Scout Troop 783 also sponsored by St. Andrew by the Bay.

We are not a religious organization.

PACK 723 ADVANCEMENT SCHEDULE

1. New scouts will be registered in September (or as soon as they join)
 - >Tigers will have a Cub Scout Orientation meeting in late September.
 - >New leaders will have an introduction meeting in late September.
 - >New scouts at other ranks will be placed in established dens in September.
2. New Tiger dens will begin meeting in October. Already established dens will begin meeting at the den leaders' discretion, but no later than October. (Dens may meet throughout the year, including summer.)
3. Bobcat Badge will be earned at the beginning of Wolf rank (or immediately for scouts who join later).

4. Rank presentation and advancement to next rank will be done at the May pack meeting for Tigers, Wolves, and Bears.
5. Webelo I's will advance to Webelo II, the senior rank in Cub Scouts, at the May pack meeting.
6. Webelo II's, who qualify, will receive the Arrow of Light award at the January pack meeting or the February Blue/Gold Banquet. Remember this is considered the crowning achievement for Cub Scouting.
7. Webelo II's will bridge over to Boy Scouts at the February Blue/Gold Banquet or the March Pack meeting.
8. The Pack Advancement Chair is responsible for maintaining an accurate record of all scout achievements and for submitting monthly records to Council. This record is maintained at Council headquarters forever. The PAC is also responsible for purchasing all Scout and Leader recognition awards, badges, etc.

PACK 723 FINANCES

1. Dues - \$80 per child per year. From this we pay your BSA registration fee, BSA magazine, Pinewood Derby car kit, all the awards and badges your son earns throughout the year.
2. Fundraisers – only one, BSA Popcorn Sales in October. This is optional for the individual scout.
3. Pack dues may be paid to the den leader or the pack treasurer at the September or October pack meeting. Please speak to the Cubmaster, Committee Chair, or Treasurer for financial assistance, if necessary.
4. Check should be made out to **BSA/PACK 723**.
5. Purchases for den or pack activities must be pre-approved by the pack Cubmaster, Committee Chair or Treasurer.
6. Pack Treasurer will maintain accurate records, receive moneys, approve and issue checks, and give a monthly financial report at the monthly Leaders' Meetings.

CUB SCOUT JARGON

"A" uniform	official Cub Scout uniform consisting of shirt (with proper insignia), scarf, slide, belt, and belt buckle, and clean neat pants
Achievements	required activities for scout advancement in rank – delineated in the handbook
Advance	scout progression up the ranks
Arrow of Light	highest Cub Scout award, requires numerous activities
Arrow Points	earned by completing specific elective activities beyond the requirements for rank – small embroidered patches worn on the uniform (see handbook for placement)
"B" uniform	informal Cub Scout uniform consisting of approved Cub Scout t-shirt and clean neat pants
Beads	recognition awarded for achievements – worn on a uniform device – pack provided
Bear	third rank in Cub Scouts, usually in 3 rd grade
Belt Loops	recognition for specific activities completed outside of rank requirements – metal clips worn on uniform belt – pack provided – may be earned concurrently with achievements
Blue/Gold Banquet	annual awards dinner – entire family is invited – usually potluck – our big pack celebration
Bobcat	earliest rank in Cub Scouts – must be completed prior to scout beginning any other rank (except Tiger which stands alone)
Boy's Life	official BSA monthly magazine for scouts – subscription included in dues

Brag vest	red felt vest worn by Webelo scouts – patches from various outings can be sown on (however, official recognition patches and insignia must be sown on the official uniform shirt)
Bridging over	term used to refer to Cub Scouts advancing to Boy Scouts
BSA	Boy Scouts of America
Committee	pack organization – parent volunteers who plan and administer the pack
Council	Baltimore Area Council (BAC) is a subset of BSA
Cub Scout Olympics	annual event in June – run by Council – individual scout competitions
Cub Scout Sign	two fingers of right hand held aloft – signals quiet and attentiveness – used frequently at pack meetings (also useful at home)
Dens	scouts are placed in groups according to rank – scouts earn achievements in the den structure
Den Leader	parent volunteer who plans den activities to earn the scouts under him/her the required achievements –VERY IMPORTANT PERSON
District	Four Rivers District is a subset of BAC
Electives	rank activities beyond required achievements – delineated in the handbook – may be earned concurrently with achievements
Fast Start	required training tool – available on-line or through the pack – introduction to Cub Scouting
Insignia	devices required on official scout shirt – shoulder loops, council patch, pack numbers, den number, world patch, any earned official patches
Handbook	BSA books which detail the rank achievements and electives – must be maintained as documentation of scout accomplishments for advancement
Highland Games	annual event (date changes) – run by district – den competitions
Indoor Campout	annual pack event in January – family camping in St. Andrew by the Bay Parish Center
Klondike Derby	annual event in January – run by district – for Webelo scouts and Boy Scouts
Mega Training	fall and spring training sessions that include all basic and leader specific training
Pack	lowest level BSA authority – charters and runs scout units
PAC	Pack Advancement Chair- parent volunteer who maintains records of scout achievements and purchases awards
Patch	embroidered devices worn on the uniform shirt or brag vest – earned for specific activities
Pins	recognition for activities completed beyond Belt Loop – metal pin worn on hat or brag vest
Pinewood Derby	annual pack event in November– scouts build wood cars and race them – car kit included in dues
Rank	level of scouting – Tiger/Bobcat/Wolf/Bear/Webelo I / Webelo II
Scouting for Food	annual BSA food drive in March – Pack 723 participates as a service project

Service Project	part of the Cub Scout code is to help other – Pack 723 schedules several voluntary projects throughout the year
Sign's Up!	Leaders raise the Cub Scout Sign to signal quiet and attention – all present, including parents and siblings, should raise the sign in response and be attentive
Tiger	first grade scouts
Totems	recognition awards to Tigers for completion of achievements (like beads) – worn on devices or hats – pack provided
Toys for Tots	annual U.S. Marine Corp Christmas drive – Pack 723 participates as a service project
Webelo	highest rank in Cub Scouting – 4 th grade is Webelo I, 5 th grade through March is Webelo II
Webelo colors	ribbon device worn on Webelo uniform shirt shoulder to display Webelo achievement badges (actually pins despite the name)
Whittlin' Chip	card presented to Cub Scouts who complete knife safety training – usually as Bears
Wolf	second rank in Cub Scouting – usually 2 nd grade
Woodsmoke	annual district event in October – Webelo scouts camp 2 nights with Boy Scouts
Youth Protection Training	BSA requirement for all leaders, recommended for all adults, available monthly at Glen Burnie United Methodist Church or on-line