



Cub Scout Pack

184

Lancaster, PA

Boy Scouts of America



Pennsylvania Dutch Council, Harvest District

CUB SCOUT PARENTS' ORIENTATION GUIDE

WELCOME TO THE ADVENTURE OF
CUB SCOUTING!



Where character counts and the adventure begins...

Visit us online at www.PacksOnline.com/PA/184

YOUR SON, SCOUTING, AND YOU SCOUTING ... AN AID TO PARENTS

As a parent, you want your son to grow up to be a self-reliant, dependable and caring individual. Scouting has these same goals in mind for him. Since 1910 Boy Scouting has been weaving lifetime values into fun and educational activities designed to assist parents in strengthening character, good citizenship, and physical fitness in youth.

Scouting teaches family values . . .
But we know that boys do not join Scouting just to get their character built.
Boys join because it is fun.



SCOUTING IS FUN WITH A PURPOSE!

Scouting can provide many rewarding moments for our sons; creating the opportunity for them to acquire skills that he will rely on throughout his life. While the program can aid us in their development, it is not a replacement for a parent's involvement.

This guide will provide an overview of what Cub Scouting is and how we adults can help serve the purpose of the program.

CUB SCOUT PROGRAM

TIGER CUB PROGRAM (First Grade)

- I. Tiger Cubs is an one-on-one program for boys and adults.
- II. Each boy/adult team is a member of a Tiger Cub Den which:
 - A. Has three to eight boy/adult teams.
 - B. Meets 2-3 times each month.
 - C. Meetings focus around topics known as "Big Ideas".
- II. Each den has a Tiger Cub Den Leader.
 - A. A Tiger Cub Den Leader helps coordinate the Tiger Cub Den Meetings
 - B. Each boy/adult team takes a turn running the activities and working with the Tiger Cub Den Leader.

CUB SCOUTING (Second through Fifth Grade)

- I. Your boy is a member of a Den which:
 - A. Have four to eight boys.
 - B. Meets once a week. Meetings are regularly scheduled at the leader's convenience.
 - C. Is led by a Den Leader (usually a parent) and is helped by an assistant Den Leader.
 - D. Den meetings include games, crafts, skits, songs, ceremonies and periodic field trips.

THE CUB SCOUT PACK

THE CUB SCOUT PACK (First thru Fifth Grade)

- I. Your boy is a member of a Pack which:
 - A. Is made up of one or more dens.
 - B. Meets once a month at the Pack meeting- all Tiger Cub and Cub Scout families are expected to participate.
 - C. The Pack meeting is led by the Cubmaster.
 - D. The Pack meeting is climax of the month's den meeting and activities.
 - E. Pack meetings have games, skits, songs, ceremonies, and presentation of badges that boys earned that month.

CUB SCOUT, MOTTO

DO YOUR BEST

In a society where your son is often taught that winning is everything, Cub Scouting teaches him to “do his best” and be helpful to others as expressed in the Cub Scout Promise.

Cub Scouting is a home- and neighborhood-centered program designed to support family life for boys in first through fifth grades. Each Cub Scout learns to respect his home, Country, God, and other people.

The program also helps boys this age to:

- Learn new physical skills through sports, crafts, and games.
- Learn how to get along with others through group activities.
- Reinforce mental skills such as writing and calculating.
- Develop personal independence.

A Cub Scout den provides your son with a group of boys his own age in which he can earn awards and recognition. In the den, he will also gain a sense of personal achievement for the new skills he learns.

THE ADVANCEMENT PLAN

The responsibility of a boy's advancement in Cub Scouting lies with the family and not with the Pack. Some advancement requirements are done at den meetings but most are done at home with the family.

BOBCAT

All boys, in 1st thru 5th grade earn the Bobcat badge first, by learning the Cub Scout Promise, Law of the Pack, handshake, salute, sign, motto, and meaning of "Webelos." After receiving the Bobcat badge, the boys work on requirements based on his grade level.



TIGER CUB

The Tiger Cub has entered first grade earns this rank after completing five achievements grouped in three areas: Den activity, Family activity, and Go See It. After completing the Tiger Cub rank, boys may earn one Tiger Track bead when he completes 10 electives. There is no limit to the number of Tiger Cub beads a boy can earn. Advancements are displayed on a Tiger Cub Totem, which is worn on the Tiger Cub belt.

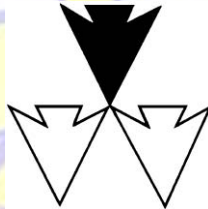




WOLF

A Cub Scout who has completed first grade (or is age 8) works on 12 achievements to earn the Wolf badge. After he earns his Wolf badge, a boy may work on electives in different interest areas until he is old enough to begin work on the next rank.

ARROW POINTS



For every 10 electives a boy completes, he earns an Arrow Point.
A boy may earn as many Arrow Points as he can.

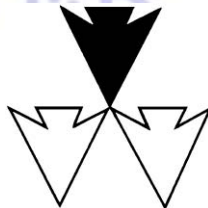


BEAR

A Cub Scout who has completed second grade (or is age 9) works to complete 12 of 24 achievements to earn the Bear badge.

After he earns his Bear badge, a boy may work on electives in different interest areas until he is old enough to begin work on the next rank.

ARROW POINTS



For every 10 electives a boy completes, he earns an Arrow Point.
A boy may earn as many Arrow Points as he can.



WEBELOS

When a Cub Scout has completed the third grade (or becomes 10 years old); he transfers to a Webelos den, led by an adult Webelos leader. The boy works on requirements for the Webelos badge, 20 activity badges, and the Arrow of Light Award (the highest award in Cub Scouting).



Camping and outdoor programs are an important part of the 18-month Webelos program. In February of a Webelos Scout's 5th grade year, he graduates from Cub Scouting into the adventure of Boy Scouting at an impressive graduation ceremony held at the Blue and Gold Banquet.

The Cub Scouting colors are blue and gold. They have special meaning, which will help boys see beyond the fun of Cub Scouting to its ultimate goals.

- The blue stands for truth and spirituality, steadfast loyalty, and the sky above.
- The gold stands for warm sunlight, good cheer, and happiness.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Our program is planned and organized by the committee and the parents of the Pack. The opportunity to expose the boys to things they'd enjoy is endless.

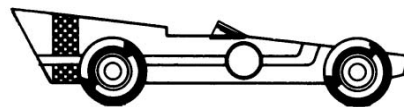
Some of the events that are annual happenings include:

SUMMERTIME CAMPING



Cub Scout Day Camp: An activity for all Cub Scouts that include crafts, games, nature, sports, swimming, songs, and skits. Day camp runs for five days, while overnight resident camp is three days and two nights.
Webelos Camp: A three-day and two night camping experience for fourth and fifth graders.

PINEWOOD DERBY



Typically held in January this is a parent/son project that builds a racecar made from a block of wood. Not only do the scouts get to participate but also, we have a family class that allows siblings and adults to enter a car in this category. Prizes and awards are given for recognition of the fastest cars, most unusual design, fastest looking, best of show, most creative,

BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET

Our birthday party for Cub Scouting usually held in February. This is a highly attended event, which celebrates the "crossing over" of our Webelos into Boy Scouts.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Across the country, nearly 4 million Scouts and adult will distribute and collect bags of food for their local community food banks. You and your Scout have the opportunity to help this cause.

What is expected of you as a parent or guardian?

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Scouting operates through volunteer leadership. A fundamental principle of Scouting is service to others. Naturally, parents are the primary source of leaders in the Scouting program. You volunteer not only to serve Scouting, but also to help your son and his friends, and to have the chance to be a positive influence on the youth in your community.

Everybody has a talent, skill or resource to share with Scouting. When every parent becomes involved and takes on a small responsibility for the Pack, the burden does not become a burden for anyone.

WHAT DO YOU RECEIVE IN RETURN?



Being a leader is fun, challenging, and rewarding. Leaders find that their experiences help them to become better parents. The following are some of the many dividends that will enrich your life as you dedicate your time, talents, and enthusiasm to Scouting:

- Fun and fellowship with other families, sharing your pride in the boys' accomplishments.
- The privilege of helping to enrich and strengthen families.
- A chance to help boys learn good citizenship and to help shape them into men who have strength of character and are sensitive to the needs of others.
- The opportunity to help make a difference in the lives of boys as they grow strong in mind and body.
- A code to live by, which will set a worthwhile example the boys.

PACK VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP

DEN LEADER(S) & ASSISTANT(S)

Leads the den at weekly den and monthly pack meetings. Attends monthly committee meetings.

CUBMASTER

Helps plan and carry out the pack program with the help of the pack committee. Emcees monthly pack meeting and attends the pack committee meetings.

PACK COMMITTEE

Pack committee members perform administrative functions of the pack. All leaders and interested parents serve as the committee.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Presides at all pack committee meetings. Helps recruit adult leaders and support the pack program.

ADVANCEMENT CHAIRMAN

Maintains advancement records for the pack. Orders and obtains all badges and insignia. Attends pack meetings and committee meetings.

PACK TRAINER

Coordinates "Fast Start" training for adults, organizes the Tiger Cub dens and promotes leader training and Roundtable meeting attendance.

COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

Keeps all records for the pack. Serves as key person to disseminate information to scouting families. Attends pack committee meetings.

TREASURER

Works with pack committee to set budgets, maintains scout and packs bank account.

PARENT HELPERS

Function chairman positions to perform "one shot" program jobs such as coordinating pack participation in fundraisers, Scouting for Food, pinewood derby, blue and gold banquet, day camp, pack web site, etc.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

Once you become a Scouting volunteer, what resources are available to you?

In addition to the resource of other volunteers...

- Roundtable, a monthly leaders' meeting for all adult volunteers in our district, is available. You can get help with crafts, games, skits, and songs for use at den and pack meetings. It's a great place to ask questions and share ideas.
- A leaders booklet called "Program Helps" contains meeting plans for den and pack meetings and shows you how to do crafts and games. This tool is provided to all den leaders by the pack.
- We maintain a pack library that contains past issues of Program Helps, song & skit books, craft ideas, and more.
- Our district offers a range of leader training opportunities, along with a staff of professionals available to offer their assistance.
- We have award-winning videos for teaching Scouts and adults about child abuse protection and avoiding potentially dangerous situations.
- The web is a wonderful source of information and scouting help.

Web sites such as:

www.packsonline.com/pa/184	(our pack's site)
www.harvestdistrict.org	(our district's site)
www.padutchbsa.org	(our council's site)
www.scouting.org	
www.macscouter.com	
www.uscouts.org	

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

What will Scouting cost me?

At Pack 184, we believe that boys deserve the opportunity to be a scout, regardless of their personal finances. We use fundraisers, typically no more than two each year, to finance the Pack. The percentage of the annual Popcorn fundraiser goes directly to funding Summer Camp at Camp Mack for each scout that sells popcorn and achieves the minimal sales goal. Depending on the amount the scout earns in sales, he could fund his entire summer camp registration.



Registration & Insurance Fee:	\$12.00/year
Boys Life Magazine: (optional)	\$12.00/year
Pack Dues (due in September)	\$47.00/year

New Member Checklist

Our Pack uniform consists of: An official BSA Cub Scout shirt (long or short sleeves), Scout belt, Neckerchief, and dark blue pants or dark blue jeans.

(All items are available at the Scout Store, 630 Janet Ave., Lancaster or online at ScoutStuff.org)

Uniform:

Shirt – short sleeve, \$22.95

Shirt – long sleeve, \$26.95

Cub Scout belt & buckle, \$8.65

[Webelos buckle, \\$3.35](#)

Insignia:

Council Shoulder Patch, \$4.25

[Webelos colors, \\$3.55](#)

Unit numeral, \$.90 ea. (\$2.70 for “1” “8” “4”)

Den numeral, \$1.40 ea.

Neckerchief:

Tiger, Wolf, and Bear, \$5.10

[Webelos, \\$6.25](#)

Handbook:

Tiger, \$4.25 (no charge for Tigers)

Wolf and Bear, \$6.95

[Webelos, \\$6.95](#)

Neckerchief Slide:

Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and [Webelos](#), \$2.40

PARENT HELP POSITIONS

The following positions all need to be filled for our pack to have a successful year. Would you please indicate your first four choices of positions that you would be willing to work on this coming year?

Some of these positions are short term and others are for the entire year. Each parent must be willing to assist if this program is to work.

Your Name _____

Best Way to Contact You _____

- _____ Den Leader
- _____ Assistant Den Leader
- _____ Cubmaster
- _____ Assistant Cubmaster
- _____ Treasurer
- _____ Communications Coordinator
- _____ Committee Chairperson
- _____ Committee Member
- _____ Program Chairperson
- _____ Advancement Chairperson
- _____ Pinewood Derby Chairperson
- _____ Web Master
- _____ Friends of Scouting Coordinator
- _____ Scouting for Food Coordinator
- _____ Summer Camp Coordinator
- _____ Pack Meeting Set-Up / Take-Down
- _____ Snack Coordinator

