



PACK 151
CUB SCOUT PARENT
ORIENTATION GUIDE

WELCOME TO THE ADVENTURE OF CUB SCOUTING!!

Where Character counts
and
The adventure begins....





YOUR SON, SCOUTING, AND YOU

As a parent, you want your son to grow up to be a person of self worth, who is self reliant, dependable and caring. Scouting has these same goals in mind for your son. Since 1910 scouting has been weaving lifetime values into fun and educational activities designed to assist parents in building character, developing good citizenship, and strengthening physical fitness in youth.

Scouting is family values...but Cub Scout age boys don't join scouting to get their character built—they join because it is fun.

SCOUTING IS FUN WITH A PURPOSE!

Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country
and to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong,
Mentally awake, and morally straight.

Scout Law

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful,
friendly, courteous, kind, obedient,
cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and
reverent.

Cub Scout Motto

“Do Your Best”

TIGER SCOUT PROGRAM



First Grade

Each boy/adult team is a member of a Tiger Den which:

- Has 3-8 boy/adult teams.
- Boys sign up with an adult partner.
- Meets 2-3 times each month.
- Meetings are based upon achievements from the Tiger handbook.

The Tiger program is a 1-year program and each boy participates with their parent (or another adult family member) in family-oriented activities. These include family camping and preparing for emergencies.

The time you and your son spend in the Tiger program is meant to be fun, a chance to get to know one another better, and do things with your family as well as other members of the den group whom you see at the meetings.

WOLF AND BEAR SCOUT PROGRAM



Second and Third Grade

Your son is a member of a Den which:

- Has 3-8 boys.
- Meets 2-3 times each month
- Led by a Den Leader (usually a parent).
- Den meetings include games, crafts, skits, songs and outings.



WEBLOS SCOUT PROGRAM

FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADE

Your son is a member of a Den which has 3-8 boys which:

- Meets 2-3 times a month.
- Led by a Webelos Den Leader (usually a parent).
- Meetings consist of ceremonies, advancement, games, Scout skills, and outdoor activities designed to prepare boys for the transition into Boy Scouts.



THE CUB SCOUT PACK

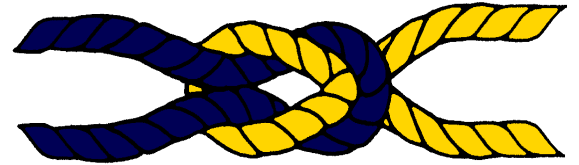
FIRST THROUGH FIFTH GRADE

Your son and his Den are a member of a Pack which:

- Meets one a month at the Pack Meeting-all Scout families are expected to participate.
- The Pack is led by the Cubmaster.
- The Pack meeting is the highlight of the month's den meetings and activities.
- Pack meetings have games, skits, ceremonies and presentation of badges the Scouts have earned during that month.



THE PACK COMMITTEE



- Our Pack is run by the Pack Committee.
 - All parents, Den Leaders and Pack Leaders can be members of the committee.
 - We meet once a month or more often if needed.
 - Led by the Committee Chairman
 - The committee selects leadership, finds meeting places, performs record keeping, manages pack finances, orders badges and maintains equipment.
- Our pack is owned by a Chartered Organization.
 - Charter Organizations include schools, parent-school organizations, religious organizations, service clubs and other organizations interested in youth.
 - Our Charter Organization approves leadership, helps secure a meeting place and keeps the Pack within sponsor's and Boy Scout guidelines and policies.
 - Our Charter Organization selects a Chartered Organization Representative (a liaison between our pack and our sponsor).

CUB SCOUT MOTTO

DO YOUR BEST

In 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 second through fifth grades. Each Cub Scout learns to respect his home, country, God and other people. The program helps boys to:

- Learn new physical skill through sports, crafts and games.
- Learn how to get along with others through group activities.
- 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 gain a sense of personal achievement for the new skills he learns.

THE ADVANCEMENT PLAN

The responsibility of your son's advancement in Cub Scouting lies with the family and not with the pack. Some advancement requirements are done at den meetings, but many are done at home with the family.

BOBCAT



All boys in 1st thru 5th grade must earn the Bobcat badge by completing the following:

- Learn and say the Scout Oath, Scout Law and tell what they mean.
- Show the Cub Scout handshake, salute, sign and tell what they mean.

After receiving the Bobcat badge, the boys work on requirements based on his grade level

TIGER

The Tiger badge is earned after completing six required adventures, one Tiger elective adventure and earning the Cyber Chip award. After completing the Tiger rank, boys can work on the remaining Tiger electives until he completes first grade. When he completes an elective adventure he will receive an adventure belt loop.





WOLF

A Cub Scout who has completed first grade (or is age 8) works to complete six required adventures, complete one elective adventure and earn the Cyber Chip award in order to earn his Wolf badge.

After he earns his Wolf badge, he may work on the remaining electives in different areas of interest. For each adventure he completes he will earn additional adventure belt loops.



BEAR

A Cub Scout who has completed second grade (or is age 9) works to complete six required adventures, complete one elective adventure and earn the Cyber Chip award in order to earn his Bear badge.

After he earns his Bear Badge, he may work on the remaining electives in different areas of interest. For each adventure he completes he will earn additional adventure belt loops

WEBELOS

When a Cub Scout has completed the 3rd grade (or becomes 10 years old) he transfers to a Webelos den, led by an adult Webelos leader. He works on the five required Webelos adventures, and chooses two of the 18 elective adventures that are shared between the Webelos and the *Arrow of Light* ranks.

After he has completed the required Webelos Badge requirements, he can work on the remaining shared electives. In February of a Webelos Scout's 5th grade year, he graduates from Cub Scouting into the adventures of Boy Scouting at an impressive graduation ceremony.



SPECIAL PROGRAMS



PINEWOOD DERBY

This is an exciting project where the parent/son build a race car from a block of wood. The finished car must weigh 5 ounces or less. The boys will race their cars at the Pinewood Derby. Be there the day of the big race!

BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET

Our birthday party for Cub Scouting usually held in February. Most often it includes dinner and a special program or entertainment.



BOYS' LIFE MAGAZINE

A magazine for boys and adults. Boys' Life has interesting features on Scouting, sports, hobbies, magic, science and U.S. history. There are also jokes, comics and short stories.

SUMMERTIME CAMPING

Day Camp: An activity for all Cub Scouts that includes crafts, games, nature, sports, archery, BB-guns, songs and skits. During day camp boys return home everyday.

Resident Camp: An overnight camping experience for Cub Scouts. An adult leader or parent will need to attend with your son. Activities include: sports, archery, swimming, crafts and campfires.

Webelos Camp: A special camp for 4th and 5th graders. The program focuses on Adventures and Activity Pins, and the transition from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts.



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Scouting operates through volunteer leadership. Volunteer leaders are an example of Scouting's principle of service to others. Naturally, parents are the primary source of leadership 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.

WHAT DO YOU RECEIVE IN RETURN?

Being a leader is fun, challenging and rewarding. Leaders find their experiences help them 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 for both boys and adults.
- A chance to develop your own leadership skills.
- Spend quality time with your son.

PACK VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP

Join the Fun!



DEN LEADER(S)

Lead the den at weekly den and monthly pack meetings. Attends the monthly pack committee meeting.

CUBMASTER

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

PACK COMMITTEE

Pack committee members perform administrative functions of the pack.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Presides at all committee meetings. Helps recruit adult leaders. Also attends pack meetings.

SECRETARY/TREASURER

Keeps all records for the pack, including pack bank account, financial records, etc. Attends pack meetings and pack committee meetings.

PARENT HELPERS

Functional chairman positions to perform “one shot” program jobs such as pinewood derby, Blue and Gold Banquet, etc. These jobs are of short duration.

ADVANCEMENT CHAIR

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

WHAT WILL SCOUTING COST ME?

The annual registration fee, due in September, is \$55.00. This includes a yearly subscription to Boys' Life Magazine.

New member uniform checklist and pricing

I am a : Tiger _____ Wolf _____ Bear _____ Webelos _____

Pack # _____ Den# _____

Uniforms:

Short sleeve shirt
Cub Scout belt
Hat (optional)
Cub neckerchief
Neckerchief slide
Webelos neckerchief
Brag vest (optional)

Insignia and handbooks:

Council shoulder patch
World Scout crest emblem
Pack numeral
Den numeral
Handbook for current rank: (Tiger/Bear/Wolf/Webelos)
Webelos colors

For current pricing visit www.scoutstuff.org the online retail store for Boy Scouts of America.

To purchase items, visit the Arlington Heights Scout Store located at 617 E Gold Road

Phone number: 847-640-4430

Hours: M-F 9-6pm and Saturday 9-3pm