What is Cub Scouting?

In 1916, Sir Robert Baden-Powell introduced the “Wolf Cub” program for younger boys. This program soon found its way to numerous communities in the Americas. In 1930, the Boy Scouts of America launched a home and neighborhood centered program for boys age nine to eleven. The program focused on nature, hobbies, games, and preparation for Boy Scouts, and, above all, character. While the Cub Scouting program has changes over the last 80 some years, now admitting boys as young as Tigers, and grown from 5,102 boys and 243 packs in 1930 to over 1.9 million boys in more than 53,000 packs today, the focus of the program is still on preparing boys to become better adults.

Boys, leaders, families, and chartered organizations all work together to achieve the ten purposes of Cub Scouting:

\*\*Character Development

\*\* Respectful Relationships

\*\*Good Citizenship

\*\*Personal achievement

\*\*Spiritual growth

\*\*Friendly Service

\*\*Sportsmanship and fitness

\*\*Fun and Adventure

\*\*Family Understanding

\*\*Preparation for Boy Scouts

We achieve these purposes by teaching the ideals of Cub Scouting, which are represented by the Scout Oath and the Scout Law and the Cub Scout Motto.

**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! SCOUT BSA MOTTO: Be Prepared!**

**PACK ## MISSION:**

The leaders of Cub Scout Pack ## are committed to providing a quality, year-round program of Cub Scouting activities. Special emphasis is placed on character development, citizenship, outdoor activities, sports, family and fun!

**Boy Scouts of America Mission Statement:**

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetime by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

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**The Organization of Cub Scouting**

Cub Scouting is a year-round family program designed for boys who are is the first through fifth grades.

Parents, leaders, and organization work together to achieve the purposes of Cub Scouting.

**Den:** Each Scout starts as a member of a **den**, based upon their grade/age. The den is usually a group of six to ten boys and girls. Each den is led by a den leader who may be assisted by an assistant den leader and a Boy Scout Den Chief. Den leaders are trained parent volunteers who have all state mandated background clearances. Dens meet weekly, usually three times a month. Once a month, dens will meet all together as a pack for a special meeting called a pack meeting. Scouts work in their dens to achieve their specific rank each year. Pack ## dens meet two to three Mondays of each month. The pack publishes a yearly calendar and monthly newsletter with specific dates.

**Lion Cubs:** Kindergarten aged children and their adult partners work on earning the Lion badge.

**Bobcat:** All new youth to Scouting (except Lions) start by earning the rank of Bobcat.

**Tiger Scouts** are first graders. Tigers join with an adult partner. Tigers must complete 7 adventure loops to earn their Tiger badge.

Those youth going into second grade, work toward **the Wolf rank**. Wolf’s complete 7 adventures loops to earn their Wolf badge.

**Bears** are Scouts in third grade. Each year the requirements for earning the badge rank are a bit more challenging and difficult. Bears must complete 7 adventure loops to earn the Bear Badge.

**Webelos** are fourth graders. The Webelos program focuses on more challenging and independent activities and begins the transition to Scouts BSA. They complete 7 adventure pins to earn the Webelos.

**Arrow of Light Webelos are** the fifth graders. Earning the Arrow of Light Badge is the highest rank in Cub Scouting. Youth gain knowledge and skills in a lot of subjects and learn more about being in a Scout BSA Troop and are ready to transfer to Scouts BSA by mid to late spring. They earn 7 adventure pins.

**Pack Meeting**

The Pack consists of all the dens and their families and leaders. Pack ## pack meetings are held monthly during the school year, generally on the 3rd or 4th Monday of the month at 6:30 pm. in ROOM of MEETING PLACE. The pack meeting is the climax of the month’s den meeting and activities. This is a chance to recognize the Scouts, their parents, and their leaders. It is also a place to show off what the Scouts have been working hard on all month.

The Pack serves as the parent organization for the dens and provides direction, program support, leader training and maintenance of the budget. The pack is led by the Cubmaster. The Cubmaster acts as the Master of Ceremonies at the monthly pack meeting and other special activities. The assistant Cubmaster and the pack committee chair as well as the den leaders may help in any of these events.

**PACK COMMITTEE**

The Pack Committee is made up of volunteer parents from the pack who manage the pack and its programs. The Pack Committee chair runs the meetings and is the primary leader of the pack**.** Along with the Cubmaster, the Pack Committee Chair leads the group in planning and organizing the pack program. The committee also plans the pack budget and maintains the pack funds. The committee meets monthly usually the Monday before the pack meeting. All parents are welcome to be part of the pack committee. \*

**Chartered organization:**

Every Cub Scout Pack (and Scouts BSA Troop) is required to have a sponsor, known as the Chartered Organization. Pack ## has been chartered by CHARTER ORG since YYYY. Troop ## has been chartered by CHARTER ORG since YYYY. The Chartered Organization Representative is a member of the pack committee and helps to ensure that the pack is managed properly.

**District and Council**

Pack ## is in the Susquehanna District of the Pennsylvania Dutch Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

The Council is divided into two districts, each served by one or more professional Scouters and supported by hundreds of adult volunteers. District boundaries are determined by the public school district boundaries.

**ROUNDTABLES**

Each district holds its own special monthly meeting called a Roundtable where leaders from different packs and troops get together to share news, problems, information. Our district Roundtable is usually held the first Thursday of each month. Meetings are listed on our pack calendar.

**PACK COMMUNICATION**

To keep parents/guardians and Scouts informed about events, Pack ## provides a monthly newsletter and a yearly calendar, both in paper and electronic forms.

Pack ## communicates by email and on our Pack ## Facebook page and texting.

Each Scout and adult leader has a folder mailbox in which information is placed, as well as missed den meeting work, and forgotten Scout items.

Please make sure we have your email address and phone number you receive texts.

**FUNDRAISING**

While Pack ## charges annual dues, that fee primarily covers the cost of registering your Scout with the Boy Scouts of America, the unit insurance, and only begins to help cover the cost of awards, den supplies, Pinewood derby car kits, paper and copying costs, snacks, and pack activities.

Pack ## conducts an annual district fundraiser in the fall, selling Popcorn and nut Profits from this sale go into the Pack account to help with pack expenses. Prizes are awarded to boys based on how much they sell.

Pack ## along with Troop ## holds monthly sub sales. Profits from sub sales goes into Scout’s individual accounts (which may be transferred to their Troop ## account when they go into the Troop). Profits may be used for any Scouting related need of the Scout from books, uniforms, to Scouting event fees, and camping fees.

Additional fundraisers may be needed to assist in paying for special activities, trips, or if popcorn sale does not make enough money.

Pack ## is a supporter of the Friends of Scouting Campaign, an annual fundraiser by Pa Dutch Council.

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**PACK SPECIAL ACTIVIITES**

In addition to its regular meetings, the Pack sponsors many special activities and events.

**Special events** can include skill days, hikes, tours, attending an athletic event or play, campouts, workshops or filed trips that help Scouts with advancement, teach a new skill, and provide an opportunity for a good time.

**Service Projects**

The foundation for helping youth become good citizens is to teach them the value of service to others.

A service project can be performed at the den or pack level. Service projects can fall into one of three areas: helping the natural world, helping the community, helping the charter organization.

Scouting for Food is held over two Saturday’s in November and is one our biggest projects.

Picking up trash around the MEETING PLACE, in our neighborhood or wherever we go is another.

Weeding and planting around MEETING PLACE is a summer project.

In May we pick up old flags and place new flags on the graves of veterans in 4 cemeteries in Lancaster.

Note: safety is always a concern, and special equipment or clothing might be required for a service project.

**Blue and Gold Banquet**

The Blue and Gold Banquet is a Cub Scouting’s birthday party. Held each year in February, the Blue and Gold Banquet is a chance for Pack ## families to come together for an evening of food, family and fun.

**Pinewood Derby**

The Pinewood Derby is one of the most popular and memorable events in Cub Scouting. Pack ## usually holds its derby in March. The Cubs receive their car kits in December and work with their parents/grandparents to create a car to race. Cubs are expected to do as much of the work as possible by themselves with adult guidance. The Pack sponsors a car cutting workshop each year to help Scout families who might not have the tools or experience to cut out their car. Scouts compete by rank in race and show categories. The winners of the all-around pack race and best of show represent the pack at the Susquehanna District Derby in April. Family participation in the family race is welcomed and encouraged.

**Camping**

Pack ## is committed to camping. We encourage all Cubs to attend the District outpost held in October each year. The goal is to have at least one family campout each year, including the Barnstormer sleepover. Webelos are given other opportunities to camp outdoors, day skills events, indoor campout at MEETING PLACE as well as other events both with the district and with the Troop.

**Summer Camp at our Council Camp-Camp Mack**

Although Pack ## does not plan a specific time to go as a group to Camp Mack. Pack ## makes sure everyone has the information about camp and guides our Scouts to have an exciting day or long weekend or weeklong experience.

**Summer Program**

While weekly den meetings are not held during the months of June, July and August, Pack ## does not shut down. Pack ## runs a full summertime program. Special activities and gatherings are planned, and Scouts are encouraged to remain active. Possible activities include bingo, movie night, hikes, swim party, Barnstormer’s sleepover, bike night, service projects, and museum visits. Scouts who participate in at least three activities during the summer months earns the National Summertime Award.

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**Joining Pack ##**

Any youth in the kindergarten through fifth grades is welcome to join Pack ## at any time. The youth's parent/guardians must complete a Cub Scout application and pay the registration fees.

**REGISTRATION AND DUES**

There is a registration fee for all new boys and girls joining Boy Scouts of America (BSA). Annual fee to be part of Boy Scouts of America is found on the Scout costs sheet. Fees are Renewed annually on date of joining with a reminder email from National BSA. This money goes directly to National BSA.

Scout Life Magazine is a wonderful magazine yearly subscription costs found on the Scout cost page. This is an optional fee.

Dues for Pack ## are on the Scout costs page.

**UNIFORMS AND HANDBOOKS**

An essential component of Cub Scouting is the uniform. Cub Scouts feel they are part of a group and have a place to display their rank badges and awards when they wear their uniform. The minimum uniform in Pack ## consists of the blue uniform shirt (Webelos may wear tan shirts) with all patches –Pa Dutch Council patch, ###, World Scouting insignia) appropriate neckerchief (yellow for Lions, orange for Tigers, red for Wolves, blue for Bears and plaid for Webelos). We recommend the short sleeve shirt and that you buy the shirt big for room to grow. Any kind of pants are OK – jeans, shorts, khakis, etc. Hats, belts, neckerchief slide and Scout pants are all optional. Experienced (used) uniforms are welcome.

Each Scout should have their own appropriate Scout Handbook for their rank (Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos).

Uniforms and handbooks are available at the Pa Dutch Council Store at 630 Janet Avenue in Lancaster City off of New Holland Avenue. Phone 717-553-4200. Hours Monday-Friday 10:30 am. to 4:30 pm.

Specific information and placement of badges is available on separate sheet.

**SCHOLARSHIPS AND UNIFORM PURCHASE**

The Susquehanna District and the Pack wish that all cubs joining the pack are properly uniformed and have the chance to experience summer camp. A limited number of used uniforms are available from the pack’s uniform bank. The pack welcome’s donations of outgrown uniforms.

Scholarships for summer resident camp are available from the Pa Dutch Council. Please see your cubmaster for details. Forms are usually due in to the Scout office in early May. Requests are granted on a case-by-case basis and all information is kept confidential.

Should fees or costs become an issue for your family for any Scout activity, please contact the Cubmaster or Committee Chair of Pack ##.

**PERSONAL HEALTH AND THE ANNUAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL RECORDS**

For all Scouting activities, all participants must complete Part A and B of the Medical Record form

Participants include Scouts, parents, guardians, siblings, youth, staff and leaders.

Part C of the medical form is only required for events that last longer than 72 hours. Scouts BSA requires Part C.

Part C must be completed by a medical professional.

Forms must be updated annually.

Why? Completing a health history provides health awareness, collects information need to treat a patient in the event of an illness or injury. It also provides emergency contact information.

**PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES**

When joining Pack ##, each parent or adult family member agrees to support that Scout in the following ways:

1. See that your Scout has the proper uniform and handbook.
2. Make sure your Scout attends regularly their den meetings and monthly pack meetings.
3. Work with your Scout to complete the achievements for their rank award as specified by your Scout's den leader.
4. Return information forms and permission slips required in a timely manner.
5. Make sure your Scout's dues are paid on time.
6. Support your Scout's den leaders as a resource person.
7. Agree to serve in some capacity to help the Pack go as called upon.
8. Provide input to the den leader or pack leadership with regard to den or pack programming.

Parent/adult volunteers are always needed. All of our leaders are volunteers, many do not even have children in the program any longer. The cost of registration, training, and materials are all covered by the pack for those who are interested in serving. If you would like to help in any capacity, please contact your Cubmaster, Pack Committee chair or your Scout's den leader.

All types of help are needed – organizing events, driving on trips, preparing and serving snacks for den or pack meetings, being a den leader or start off as an assistant den leader or help the den or pack out in a specific task- help with Scouting for Food, plan special events, like Halloween party.

Remember Cub Scout Packs do not exist without volunteer leadership.

Please do your part when asked or just ask where you can help! Fill out our volunteer form!!

**THE PARENT'S PROMISE**

**As a parent of a Cub Scout, I will do my best to help my Scout live up to the Scout Oath and obey the Scout Law.**

**I will work with my Scout on their achievements and projects.**

**I will attend the pack meetings and help as needed to make the Pack Go!**

**SCOUT RESPONSIBILITIES**

When joining Pack ##, each Scout agrees to:

1. Follow through until the end of the Scout year.
2. Attend your den meetings regularly and come prepared with your Handbook and other materials.
3. Wear your uniform – show your pride in being a Scout.
4. Be ready to try anything with an “I will Do my Best” attitude.
5. Try to get along with all the den members. Be respectful of others.
6. If you miss a meeting, it is your responsibility to let your den leader know ahead of time. If possible, and to find out what you have missed (with parent help).

**INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY**

**In the event of bad weather, Pack ## follows the XXX School District and their bad weather/snow closing decisions.**

**If the SDOL is closed or dismisses early DUE TO BAD WEATHER, then Cub Scouts will not meet that evening.**

**If there is a one- or two-hour delay to the start of school, then Scouts will be held.**

**If bad weather starts late in the afternoon or evening, den leaders will call or text or email you OR you may call your den leader or cubmaster. Please remember to use your best judgment and keep safety for your family paramount.**

**RULES OF CONDUCT AND SAFETY**

**MEETING PLACE BUILDING RULES**

We ask that everyone be respectful of XXXXX property.

Please walk in the building. No heelies, skates or skateboards in the building.

Please do not climb on tables, chairs, or poles.

The walls and poles are concrete - please walk!

**INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR**

The goal of Pack ##'s leaders is to have a safe, fun program for Scouts and their families. The adult leaders have the right to intervene in any situation that they deem unsafe. If a Scout is unwilling to abide by the requirements of the adult leader in charge, they may require a parent to come get the Scout. Extreme misbehavior may result in expulsion from the Pack as deemed by the Pack Committee, Pack leaders and the parents of the child.

**DROP OFF AND PICK UP**

Please come into the meeting place with your Scout to drop them off and come into the building to pick them up. This is not negotiable; it is for your child's safety. We cannot have Scouts running out the door into the parking lot or going out from to wait for you, this is not safe!

It is important for you to come into the building to meet with your den leader for important information. This is also a chance to make sure your Scout has checked his/her mailbox.

If you can't come into the building, due to sleeping child or illness, please call in to your den leader and we will make sure someone can walk your Scout out to your car.

Please bring your Scout in on time and please pick them up on time.

Please inform your den leader if someone other than you is picking up your Scout of if you will be late.

Thank you for your courtesy to other parent volunteers.

**CUB SCOUT PACK ### TECHNOLOGY POLICY**

**Cub Scouts should not use electronic devices (iPods, cell phones, headsets, gaming sets) at Scout meetin**gs, Scout sponsored functions, or scouting outings, unless the activity requires the use of them or unless approved by leadership. An example would be using the GPS or an app on a smartphone to go geocaching or to look up information needed for den work. Electronic devices such as two-way radios, weather radios or cell phones used to ensure the safety of the Scouts, parents and leaders are allowed with the approval of the Cubmaster, den leader, or person in charge of the event.

Scouts using such items without permission, will be asked to stop, and if they do not comply, the adult leader may take the item and return to the parent or guardian at the end of the event.

Recognizing that Cub Scouts are influenced by the behavior of adults, use of electronic devices by adults is discouraged at Cub Scout meetings and events, unless the activity requires the use of them or unless the adult is taking pictures of the event.

We understand that many adults have jobs that require them to take phone calls or check emails or have other children they are keeping tabs on. There may also be circumstances in which use of an electronic device is necessary during Cub Scout events. We ask that if you need to use your device, please step away from the Scouts view to do so.

Many of our Cub Scout leaders and parents have younger children that attend Cub Scout meetings.

The younger children may use electronics to keep them occupied while parents and other sibling participate in the Cub Scout activity, unless this becomes too disruptive.

Using technology in Cub Scouting can be appropriate in the right situation, but we want to help our Scouts learn that they can have fun without it.

**GUIDE TO SAFE SCOUTING**

The following key items are extracted from Guide to Safe Scouting, Boy Scouts of America publication.

These are national policies enforced by the adult leaders of Pack ## and violation of these policies by youth or parent/guardian may result in the removal of the Scout from the activity and from the pack. Repeated violations by members of a pack can result in the revocation of the pack charter by the BSA.

**Drugs, Alcohol, and Tobacco Use and Abuse**

The Boy Scouts of America prohibits the use of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances at encampments or activities on property owned and/or operated by the Boy Scouts of America, or at any activity involving participation of youth members.

All Scouting functions, meetings, and activities should be conducted on a smoke-free basis, with designated smoking area away from all youth participation.

**GUNS, FIREARMS, AND ARCHERY**

The BSA adheres to its long-standing policy of teaching its youth and adult members the safe, responsible, intelligent handling, care and use of firearms, air guns, and BB guns in planned, carefully managed and supervised programs.

Gun-shooting sports are not an approved part of the Cub Scout program except at Council-approved Cub Scout camps.

Cub Scouts are not permitted to use any other type of handgun or firearm. Except for law enforcement officers required to carry firearms within their jurisdiction, firearms shall not be brought on camping, hiking, backpacking, or other Scouting activities.

Archery and BB gun shooting are restricted to day camps, Cub Scout/Webelos resident camps, council managed family camping programs or to council activities where there are properly trained supervisors and all standards for BSA shooting sports are enforced. Archery and BB gun shooting are not to be done at the pack level.

**TRANSPORTING SCOUTS IN PERSONAL CARS**

There will be times when leaders or other adults may drive Scouts to and from activities.

Seat belts are required for all occupants. All drivers must have a valid driver’s license that has not been suspended for any reason. Passenger cars or station wagons may be used for transporting passengers, but passengers should not ride on the rear deck of a station wagon. No one may ride in the bed of a truck (capped or open).

All vehicles must be covered by automotive liability insurance with limits that meet or exceed requirements of the state in which the vehicle is licensed. Do not exceed the speed limit!

**WHAT IS A PACK ANYWAY? SCOUT DICTIONARY 101**

Cub Scouting has a language all its own. Below are the definitions of many of the terms you will encounter in Scouting. If you do not find your term, feel free to ask.

**Adventure Loops and Pins**

To earn the rank badge, Scouts must complete Adventure loops (Lion, Tiger, Wolf, and Bear) and Adventure pins for Webelos. These adventures are found in their rank handbook.

**Adult partner**

The adult member of the Lion or Tiger Cub team

**Akela**

A leader, this may be the cubmaster, parent, religious leader, den leader, teacher, or any other person providing leadership.

**Arrow of Light**

This is the highest award a Scout can earn in Cub Scouting and is also the only (non-religious) award from Cub Scouts that can be worn on a Boy Scout uniform. of Lighters are second year Webelos.

**Bear Scout**

A Scout who is in 3rd grade or 9 years old.

**Blue and Gold Banquet**

Cub Scout’s birthday party celebrated the founding of Boy Scouts in 1910 and Cub Scouting in America in 1930.

**Bobcat**

Everyone (except Lions) who joins Cub Scouts must first earn the bobcat badge. In doing this they learn the basic tenets of Cub Scouting: Scout Oath, Scout Law, the sign, the handshake, the motto, the salute, what Webelos means and parent’s guide.

**Boy Scout**

A Boy Scout is between 11 and 18 years and belongs to a Troop. He advances through the ranks of Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life and Eagle. Now known as Scouts BSA.

**Boy Scouts of America (BSA)**

The Boy Scouts of America is a nationally chartered organization that encompasses Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, and Venture Crews. Abbreviated as BSA.

**Chartered Organization**

This is the organization (church, school, American Legion, etc.) that charters a unit (pack or troop) and approves of all its leaders. CHARTER ORG is Pack ##’s and Troop ##’s chartered partner and provides us with space to meet, storing our equipment and supporting and encouraging Scouting. We in turn support CHARTER ORG with services projects around the FACILITY.

**Committee**

This is the group of qualified adults who administer the affairs of the pack. Any interested adult is welcome to attend the pack committee meetings.

**Committee Chair**

The primary leader of the pack. The committee chair works with the pack committee members, the cubmaster, and the chartered organization representative to plan the pack program, recruit leaders and oversee the pack’s budget.

**Council**

The Council is an organization of professional Scouters that oversees all Cub Scout Packs, Scout Troops and other units. Pack ## and Troop ## is part of the Pa Dutch Council, Susquehanna District.

**Crossover**

When Webelos /Arrow of Lighters graduate from Cub Scouts and join (crossover) Scouts BSA.

**Cub Scout**

A boy or girl between the ages of 5 and 11 and grades kindergarten through 5th who is a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.

**Cubmaster**

The Cubmaster is known as the unit leader of the Pack. The Cubmaster runs the pack meetings, advises den leaders, and works with the pack committee to plan and run the pack program.

**Cyber Chit**

A new requirement that all Scouts must earn year. Today’s youth are spending more time using digital media for education, research, socializing and fun. The Cyber Chit is a tool to show skill and commitment to do what’s right in the Cyber world by learning internet safety rules. This is no longer required as of 2022.

**Den**

The den is a group of Cub Scouts who meet at regular intervals, usually weekly. Ideally a den consists of 4 to 10 youth of the same age or grade working toward the same rank.

**Den Chief**

A Boy Scout, usually of First Class rank or higher, who serves as an assistant leader in a den.

**Den Leader**

An adult volunteer who is in charge of planning and running the den meetings. Leaders must have den leader training, youth protection training and undergo state mandated criminal background checks.

**Den Meetings**

Individual meetings of dens held for each rank level of Cub Scouting. Usually occurring weekly.

Tiger, Wolf, Bear dens work on adventure loops through projects, crafts, game, and field trip to reach their den rank. Webelos den use their den time to work on adventure pins working toward their Webelos or Arrow of Light badge.

**Denner**

A Cub Scout or Webelos Scout elected by their peers or appointed by the den leader to help the den chief and den leader during the meeting time.

**District**

Each Council is divided into a number of districts. Pack ## is part of the Susquehanna District.

**District Executive**

A professional Scouter who works under the direction of the council Scout executive and acts as advisor to the volunteer leaders in the district.

**Handbook**

Each level of Scouting has its own Handbook. The Handbook is essential for your Scout, as it spells out and explains the requirements for advancement as well as having a place to record their completion.

**Leave No Trace**

Teaches Scouts from Tiger to Webelos to enjoy the outdoors responsibly.

**Lion**

Lion Cubs are kindergarten age Scouts, who with an adult partner, participate in the Lion den and work toward earning their Lion rank patch.

**PACK**

All of the Cub Scout dens and their families and leaders make up the pack. Packs usually meet monthly.

**Pinewood Derby**

A pack activity that involves making a race car out of a wood kit and racing the model cars on a track.

**Protect Yourself Rules Adventures**

The Boy Scouts of America is committed to creating safe environments for Scouts and leaders. Child abuse is an uncomfortable topic but an important one for us to cover to ensure the safety and well-being of our Scouts.

The Boy Scouts of America has partnered with subject-matter experts from the Barbara Sinatra Children’s Center Foundation to present the “Protect Yourself Rules” that help children recognize, respond to, and report abuse.

This replaces the Cyber Chit requirement.

**Rank Badges**

The rank badges for Cub Scouts are: Lion, Bobcat, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, and Arrow of Light.

**Scouter**

A registered adult member of the Boy Scouts of America who serves in a volunteer or professional capacity.

**SCOUTS BSA**

New name for Boy Scouts to include be inclusive of both girls and boys in the ranks of Scouting.

**STEM**

Stem stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Cub Scouts can earn the NOVA patch for one STEM topic and then pins for the other three.

**Summertime Award**

To earn the National Summertime Pack Award, a Cub Scout pack must plan and conduct three or more pack activities –one each in June, July, and August. Cub Scouts who participate in all three activities may earn the National Summertime Pack Award pin that is worn on their uniform.

**Tiger Cub**

Tiger Cubs are first graders who, with an adult partner, participate in the Tiger den and work toward completing 7 adventure loops toward earning their Tiger rank badge.

**Tiger Partner**

The adult partner of a Tiger Cub, usually a family member. Tiger partners accompany their Tiger Cubs to all Scouting events and activities.

**Uniform**

The uniform is the prescribed clothing for any and all official Cub Scout events and activities, asrequired by the unit.

**Unit**

Each individual chartered pack, troop, post, lodge, or crew in the Boy Scouts of America is a unit.

**Webelos**

Webelos are youth in the 4th and 5th grade earning their Webelos rank or Arrow of Light rank.

Webelos means” WE’LL BE LOYAL SCOUTS.” Webelos is both the singular and the plural form.

**Whittling Chip**

A requirement for Bear Scouts to be able to carry a pocketknife when it is allowed by Scout leaders. A Scout earns this requirement by learning the rules of knife safety and takes the pocketknife pledge.

**Wolf Cub**

Generally, second grade Cub Scouts who are working on adventure loops toward their Wolf badge of rank.

**CUB SCOUT TEMPORARY PATCH PLACEMENT**

Where do those temporary patches go?

Temporary patches are those our Cub (and Boy Scouts) earn participating in activities and attending special events such as Boy Scout Sunday, Summer Camp, Cuborama, popcorn sales, Scouting for Food, Barnstormer Sleepover, etc.

**BSA regulations say that you can have only one temporary patch on your uniform at a time.**

**It is to be worn on the right pocket of the uniform shirt.**

If a patch has a button loop then there is no problem, you can just hook them over the button of the right pocket and then cover with the pocket flap. Unfortunately, more and more patches are not coming with that handy loop (must be cost).

You can sew them on, but when your Scout gets the next one and wants to wear that one you will have to take the first one off and then sew on the next one. Too much work!!

You can pin the patch with a safety pin – not the most attractive.

A great option for temporary Cub Scout patches is to use a patch holder (available from our local Scout store on Janet Ave). Simply put the patch inside the plastic holder and hook it over the right pocket button.

**After a year or two in Scouts your Scout will have a nice collection of patches.**

**There are multiple options for how to display these:**

**\*\*VESTS-** many boys have a vest that they wear over their uniforms (sometimes called brag vests). These bright red vests are typically made of felt.

**\*\*Patch Jacket –** any jacket could be used (fleece, cotton, etc.) and you sew patches on it.

**\*\*Sashes** – make a sash (similar to the boy Scout Merit badge sash – but do not use that one or the color green) and sew the patches on.

**\*\*Blankets and Quilts** –whether you make your own or purchase a ready- made blanket, it is a great way to show off your Scout’s patches. You can use it on a bed or hang it on the wall.

**\*\*Shadow boxes and Picture frames:** by using a shadow box or picture frame, there will be less wear and tear on the patches.

Check out Pinterest for lots more ideas.