

POTAWATOMI AREA COUNCIL, BSA

CUB SCOUTS PARENT GUIDEBOOK



WELCOME TO THE ADVENTURE OF CUB SCOUTS!

AMERICA NEEDS
SCOUTING



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WHY JOIN CUB SCOUTS

Pack #: _____ Den #: _____ District #: _____

DEN INFORMATION

Den Leader Name: _____

Den Leader Phone #: _____

Den Leader Email: _____

Den Meets on (day): _____

Den Meets at (time & place): _____

PACK INFORMATION

Cubmaster Name: _____

Cubmaster Phone #: _____

Cubmaster Email: _____

Pack Meets on (day): _____

Pack Meets at (time & place): _____

NOTES

WHY JOIN CUB SCOUTS



- Your time is valuable. Families struggle to find time to spend together. Cub Scouting supports your family by providing ready-made opportunities for you and your child to bond.
- The Boy Scouts of America has been weaving lifelong values into fun and educational activities since 1910.
- Your child needs to belong to a group of kids their own age. Through the sense of belonging, they build self-esteem and learn to get along with others. As a parent, you want to be assured the groups your child joins will teach values consistent with good citizenship, character development and physical fitness.

CUB SCOUTING

Teaches your child to be helpful and "Do Their Best"

Strengthens your relationship with your child by instilling family values

Adds value to the time you already have with your child

Most importantly, Cub Scouting is "Fun With a Purpose"



HOW DOES CUB SCOUTING WORK?

A unique thing about Cub Scouting is that you, a family, join in on the program and help your child along the way. Family is the basis of Cub Scouting. Cub Scouts exists to support and help enrich your family time together.



There is a unique age-appropriate handbook for each grade level. As a Cub Scout advances through the activities in the books, the Scout will earn badges and other recognition for their uniform.

HOW IS THE PROGRAM STRUCTURED?

Your child will be part of a DEN

- A Den is a small group of boys or girls in the same grade level who meet either bi-weekly or weekly.
- All Dens, from kindergarten through 5th grade make up the Pack.
- The meeting is led by the Den Leader and Assistant Den Leader.

Your child will be part of a PACK

- Once a month, the Den and Cub Scout families gather at the Pack meeting.
- This meeting is an opportunity for Scouts to show off the new skills they have learned and be recognized for any badges or awards they have earned.
- The meeting is run by the Cubmaster and Assistant Cubmaster.



PACK ACTIVITIES

PINEWOOD DERBY



Your child will get to build and race a model car against other Scouts. Most Packs conduct at least one of these races annually.

SERVICE PROJECTS



Packs participate in the annual Scouting for Food drive in March, parades, conservation projects and other community activities.

CAMPING



There are many opportunities to introduce your family to camping activities and experiences that include archery, B.B. guns, crafts, swimming, games, sports, campfires and skits.



BLUE & GOLD BANQUET



This is the Cub Scout Birthday celebration for all Pack members and their families. This usually takes place in February or March.

FIELD TRIPS AND SPECIAL OUTINGS



Cub Scout Packs will often plan an exciting day to learn about the people, landmarks and businesses in your community.

FAMILY CAMP WEEKEND PROGRAMS



River Rats and Swamp Fox cover three weekends in spring and four weekends in fall. These campout adventures are great opportunities for a parent and their Cub Scout to spend quality outdoor time together.

WEBELOS RESIDENT CAMP

Short-term camping experience held in August for 4th and 5th graders, their leaders and parents. Webelos can enjoy a theme based summertime camping experience that will help them prepare for a smooth transition into Scouts BSA.

CUB SCOUT DENS

The Den is made up of three to eight child-parent teams. There are usually two meetings a month and one "Go See It" activity that the den visits in the community and a monthly pack meeting.



Lion Dens are made up of Kindergarteners and their parents. This group is small and holds fewer meetings than higher ranks, introduces the children and parents to Cub Scouts.



Parental involvement is the highest at the Tiger Cub level. Scouts work with their adult partner to develop skills and earn badges. Adventures include indoor and outdoor activities.



Parents are vital in the Wolf Den. To earn a Wolf badge, a Scout must complete six adventures. A Wolf Scout learns about their community and practices good citizenship.



A Bear becomes more independent and takes on new challenges. Scouts will learn about nature and how to take care of themselves.



The Webelos Den focuses on youth learning to take on leadership roles to prepare them for Scouts BSA.



ADVANCEMENT

The Cub Scout Advancement program is an excellent way for you to spend quality time with your child. Some advancement requirements are done at Den meetings and some at home. The purpose is to increase knowledge, skills, self-esteem and boost confidence.

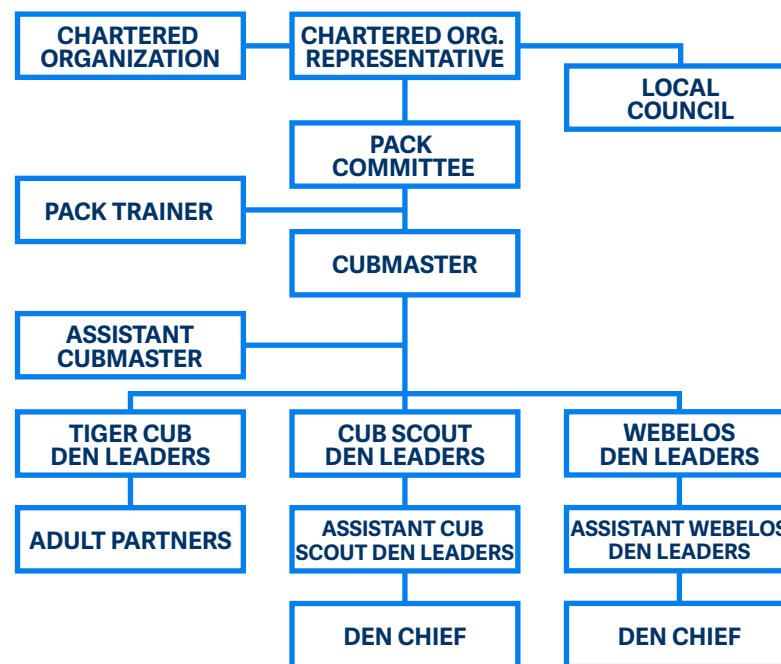
PACK COMMITTEE



The Pack Committee - Members perform administrative functions and help make Pack decisions:

- **Committee Chair** - Presides at Pack committee meetings, helps recruit adult leaders and attends the Pack meetings
- **Committee Member** - Performs Pack administrative functions
- **Advancement Chairman** - Maintain advancement records for the Pack, order and obtains all rank badges
- **Secretary/Treasurer** - Keeps all Pack records; pack accounts, financial records, etc
- **Pack Trainer** - Encourages mandatory Cub Scout Leader Specific Training. ensures mandatory Youth Protection Training is complete and promotes Roundtable and additional trainings.

THE PACK COMMITTEE BREAKDOWN



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Work with your Scout on their Cub Scout activities

Encourage working on advancement at home

Sign off on activities completed at home

Attend Pack meetings to celebrate your Scout's achievements

PARENTS ARE KEY TO A SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM

The Den and Pack rely on parent participation to run a successful program. Cub Scouting operates through volunteer leadership. Volunteer leaders are an example of Scouting's core values; "To help other people at all times". By volunteering in Scouting, you are also giving your child the gift of your time. Here are some ways you can help volunteer:

- **Den Leader** - Lead the Den at weekly Den and monthly Pack meetings. They also attend the monthly Pack committee meeting.
- **Cubmaster** - Helps plan and carry out the Pack program with the help of the committee. Emcee the monthly Pack meetings and attends the Pack committee meeting.

The Pack will undertake several short-term projects where they need parents and other volunteers for activities like:

FUNRAISERS



PINEWOOD DERBY



FRIENDS OF SCOUTING



SCOUTING FOR FOOD



BLUE & GOLD BANQUET



DAY CAMP



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

The Potawatomi Area Council conducts a Spring and Fall Product Sale. Entire Packs, individual Dens or even individual Scouts may sell. Scouts can earn prizes and great incentives! The Fall Product Sale offers quality, local products.



BERRES BROTHERS COFFEE



PECATONICA RIVER POPCORN



RACINE DANISH KRINGLE



NOBLE VALLEY FARMS

Units who conduct successful product sales are better prepared to provide great Scouting programs for their youth. The funds raised can be used to cover:

- Registration Dues
- Boys' Life Subscription
- Pack Activities
- Day Camp
- Summer Camp
- Go See It's
- Fund Pack and Den Meetings



To help offset event costs down to zero out-of-pocket expenses.



Historically, if a unit averages \$550 in product sale sold per youth in their fall sale, the unit has been able to fund their full Scouting year. Help all of your families save their money by having 100% of your Scouts participate in the Council Product Sale!

70% of the money goes back to Scouting in the Potawatomi Area Council and up to 40% goes back to your unit!

HOW MUCH DOES SCOUTING COST?

REGISTRATION FEE

Youth: \$80.00 per year + \$25.00 ONE TIME new member joining fee
Adults: \$60.00 per year

SCOUT LIFE MAGAZINE

Optional, but strongly recommended, \$15.00 per year

PACK DUES

The amount varies by Pack. Depending on money-earning projects conducted by the Pack, to decrease the cost to run the program, the Pack may not have dues.

UNIFORM

A complete uniform and its associated cost varies by program for both youth and adult, depending on what your Pack requires. Uniforms are available to purchase at our Scout Shop.

YOUTH HAND BOOKS



ADULT LEADER HANDBOOKS



Visit our Scout Shop for prices and a wealth of resources!



Some support is available from the Potawatomi Area Council for families that cannot meet all of the financial needs of Scouting. For more information, contact 262-544-4881.

POTAWATOMI SCOUT SHOP

SCOUT SHOP INFORMATION

📍 804 Bluemound Rd, Waukesha WI 53188

✉️ potawtomiscoutshop@scouting.org

☎️ 262-446-5155

HOURS

Monday - Friday 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Saturday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Sunday CLOSED



PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR PACK BEFORE PURCHASING

HANDBOOKS:

___ Lion	\$12.99
___ Tiger	\$23.99
___ Wolf	\$23.99
___ Bear	\$23.99
___ Webelos	\$23.99

NECKERCHIEFS:

___ Tiger	\$12.99
___ Wolf	\$12.99
___ Bear	\$12.99
___ Webelos	\$12.99

INSIGNIA:

___ Shoulder Patch	\$4.99
___ Webelos Colors	\$7.99
___ World Insignia	\$2.49
___ Unit Numeral	\$1.99
___ Den Numeral	\$1.99

HATS:

___ Lion	\$22.99
___ Tiger	\$22.99
___ Wolf	\$22.99
___ Bear	\$22.99
___ Webelos	\$22.99

SLIDES:

___ Tiger	\$7.99
___ Wolf	\$7.99
___ Bear	\$7.99
___ Webelos	\$7.99

APPAREL:

___ Lion T-shirt	\$14.99
___ Short Sleeve Shirt	\$32.99
___ Long Sleeve Shirt	\$32.99
___ Switch II Pant	\$32.99
___ Cub Scout Belt	\$14.99
___ Webelos Buckle	\$6.99

TOTAL: _____



