

# PARENT GUIDEBOOK

## CUB SCOUTS



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# Important Information

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

Pack Leader Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Pack Leader Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Pack Leader Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Pack Meets on (day): \_\_\_\_\_

Pack Meets at (time & place): \_\_\_\_\_

## Notes

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# Why Join Cub Scouts

## Mission

- 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.
- Scouting 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.



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# 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.

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.



## Lion

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



## Tiger

- 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.



## Wolf

- 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.



## Bear

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



## Webelos/Arrow of Light

- The Webelos/Arrow of Light Den focuses on youth learning to take on leadership roles to prepare them for Scouts BSA.





# 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.

## 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.



# Pack Activities



## Service Projects

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

## Family Camp Programs

River Rats and Swamp Fox Family Camp offers immersive camping experiences across three weekends in spring and four weekends in the fall, featuring a variety of activities such as archery, BB guns, crafts, games, sports, campfires, and skits, perfect for introducing families to outdoor adventures.



## Webelos Resident Camp

A short-term camping adventure in August offers a themed summertime camping experience for 4th and 5th graders, along with their leaders and parents, facilitating a smooth transition into Scouts BSA.



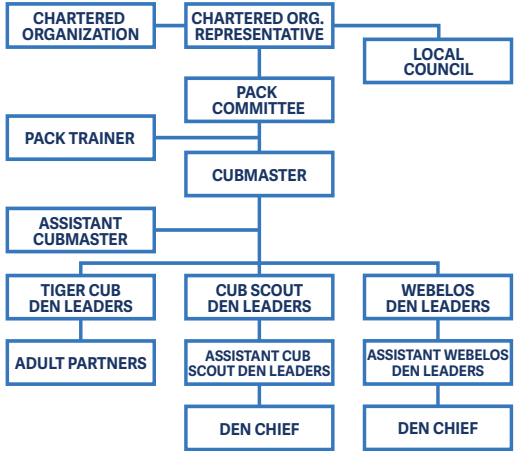
# Pack Committee

Members perform administrative functions and help make Pack decisions:

- Committee Chair:** Leads the pack committee, oversees its meetings, ensures effective communication and coordination among leaders, manages the pack’s administrative tasks, and provides support to the Cubmaster and other leaders to ensure the successful operation of the pack.
- Committee Member:** Supports the pack by assisting with planning and organizing events, helping with administrative tasks, and working with other committee members to ensure the smooth operation of the pack’s activities and programs.
- Advancement Chairman:** Oversees the advancement process for scouts, ensuring that awards and badges are properly recorded and presented, tracks each scout’s progress, and coordinates ceremonies to recognize their achievements.

- Secretary/Treasurer:** Responsible for managing the pack’s financial records and budget, handling all monetary transactions, maintaining meeting minutes and other important documents, and providing financial reports to the pack committee and leaders.

## Pack Committee Breakdown



- Pack Trainer:** Ensures all Cub Scout leaders complete their required training, including Youth Protection and Roundtable sessions, while promoting additional training opportunities.



# 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:

Fundraisers	Pinewood Derby	Friends of Scouting
Scouting for Food	Blue & Gold Banquet	Day Camp





# Product Sale Fundraising

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:



**Pecatonica River Popcorn**



**Racine Danish Kringle**



**Berres Brothers Coffee**



**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
- Scout's Life Subscription
- Summer Camp
- Day Events
- Go See It's
- Pack Activities
- 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 30% goes back to your unit!**



# How Much Does Scouting Cost?

## Registration Fee

Youth: \$85.00 per year  
Adults: \$65.00 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.

## Youth Handbooks



## Scout Life Magazine

\$15.00 per year  
*Optional, but strongly recommended*

## 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.

## Adult Leader Handbooks



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  
potawatomiscoutshop@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

<input type="checkbox"/> Lion	\$12.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Tiger	\$12.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Wolf	\$23.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Bear	\$23.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Webelos	\$23.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Arrow of Light	\$23.99

### Hats

<input type="checkbox"/> Lion	\$22.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Tiger	\$22.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Wolf	\$22.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Bear	\$22.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Webelos	\$22.99

### Neckerchiefs

<input type="checkbox"/> Tiger	\$12.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Wolf	\$12.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Bear	\$12.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Webelos	\$12.99

### Slides

<input type="checkbox"/> Tiger	\$7.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Wolf	\$7.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Bear	\$7.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Webelos	\$7.99

### Insignia

<input type="checkbox"/> Shoulder Patch	\$4.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Webelos Colors	\$7.99
<input type="checkbox"/> World Insignia	\$2.49
<input type="checkbox"/> Unit Numeral	\$1.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Den Numeral	\$1.99

### Apparel

<input type="checkbox"/> Lion Shirt	\$14.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Short Sleeve Shirt	\$32.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Long Sleeve Shirt	\$54.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Switch II Pant	\$32.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Cub Scout Belt	\$14.99

Total: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Prices subject to change\**







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