

Mid America Council

Boy Scouts of America



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Cub Scout Parents' Orientation Guide for Pack 374

2011/2012

Welcome to the fun and
excitement of Cub Scouting!!
Where character counts and
the adventure begins...

At this meeting, we will:

Inform parents and boys about Cub Scouting
Invite boys to join Cub Scouting
Involve parents in the program

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 we have 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 . . . We know that boys do not join to get their character built. Boys join because it is fun.

Scouting is fun with a purpose!

Tiger Cubs – 1st Grade

TIGER CUB, MOTTO “Search, Discover, Share”

Each boy participates with a parent (or another adult partner) in family oriented activities including learning about their neighborhood and preparing for emergencies.

The time you and your son spend in Tiger Cubs is fun, provides a chance to get to know one another better, and to do things with your family as well as other members of the Tiger Cub Den.

I. Tiger Cubs is a one-on-one program for boys and adults.

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

- A. Has around four to eight boy/adult teams.
- B. Meets 2-3 times each month. Parents set the schedule.
- C. Meetings focus around topics known as “Achievements”.

III. 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 – 2nd through 5th Grade

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 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.

I. Your boy is a member of a Den which:

- A. Has around four to eight boys
- B. Is led by at least two Den Leaders (two-deep leadership)
- C. Meets 2-3 times a month. Regularly scheduled at the leader's convenience
- D. Den meetings can include games, crafts, skits, songs, ceremonies and periodic field trips
- E. Den Meetings focus around topics known as "Achievements"

The Advancement Plan

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

Bobcat - 1st-5th grade

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 - 1st Grade

The Tiger Cub badge is earned 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 for every 10 electives. There is no limit to the number of Tiger Cub beads a boy can earn.

Wolf - 2nd Grade

A Cub Scout who has completed first grade, 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.

Bear - 3rd Grade

A Cub Scout who has completed second grade 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.

Webelos - 4th & 5th Grade

When a Cub Scout has completed the third grade, he advances to a Webelos den. 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. Every boy deserves an opportunity to be a Boy Scout.

Arrow Points - 2nd & 3rd grade

After earning the Wolf or Bear Badge, boys can work on other fun activities called "electives." For every 10 electives a boy completes, he earns an Arrow Point. A boy can earn as many Arrow Points as he can.

The Cub Scout Pack

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 and one optional pack outing which is led by a parent volunteer.
- C. The Pack meeting is led by the Cub Master
- D. The Pack meeting has games, skits, songs and presentations of badges and awards earned by Scouts.

II. Our pack is run by the Pack Committee

- A. Made up of den leaders, pack leaders, the pack trainer, and all parents
- B. We meet once a month or more often if needed
- C. Led by a committee chairman
- D. The committee selects leadership, finds meeting places, performs record keeping, manages pack finances, orders badges, maintains pack equipment, helps train leaders, and makes sure our boys receive a good program

III. Our Pack is owned by a Chartered Organization – Piedmont/Wycliffe Owner's Association

- A. Charter Organizations include schools, parent-school organizations, religious organizations, service clubs, and other organizations interested in youth
- B. Our Charter Organization approves leadership, helps secure a meeting place, keeps pack within sponsor's and Boy Scout guidelines and policies
- C. Our Charter Organization selects a chartered organization representative (a liaison between our pack and our sponsor)

Special Programs

Blue and Gold Banquet

Our birthday party for Cub Scouting usually held in February. We graduate our Webelos II den to boy scouts at this event. We try to have all dens achieve rank (Tiger, Wolf, and Bear) in time for this event.

Summertime Camping

- Cub Scout Day Camp: An activity for all Cub Scouts that include crafts, games, nature, sports, songs, and skits. Camps run five days in a local park.
- Cub Scout Resident Camp: A two day overnight camping experience for Cub Scouts and a parent at Scout Camp. Activities include sports, archery, swimming, crafts and campfires.
- Webelos Camp: A three day and two night camping experience for fourth and fifth graders. Activities include swimming, climbing, sports, games, model rockets and more!

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. Magazine is \$12.00/year.

Pinewood Derby (January)

Parent/son project that builds a race car made from a block of wood (provided by the pack). Boys will race their cars at the Pinewood Derby. Be there for the big race!

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 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.

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 young 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.
- The satisfaction of being a member of a worldwide movement, and pride in being publicly identified as a part of this organization – standing up for family values.

PACK VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP

Den Leader (s) - Leads the den at weekly den and monthly pack meetings. Attends the monthly pack leaders' meeting.

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

Pack Committee - Members perform administrative functions of the pack.
(positions listed below)

Committee Chairman - Presides at all pack committee meetings. Helps recruit adult leaders. Works with Cub master and treasurer to set a yearly budget and submits the yearly re-charter to the council.

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

Secretary -. Takes minutes at Committee meeting and sends to the Pack Committee, sends out pack e-mails. Assists the committee chairman and pack committee where needed. Attends pack meetings and pack committee meetings.

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.

Parent Helpers - Function chairman positions to perform "one shot" program jobs such as coordinating pack participation in sales events, Scouting for Food, pinewood derby, blue and gold banquet, day camp, etc. These jobs are of short duration.

Pack Recruiter – Helps with coordinating the yearly recruiting of new boy's to the pack as well as assist the Committee Chair with parent leadership involvement..

YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

Roundtable is a monthly leaders' meeting for all adult volunteers in your district. 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.

Program Helps contain meeting plans for den and pack meetings and show you how to do crafts and games. Many packs purchase annual Program Helps for their leaders.

Program guides are online <http://mac-bsa.org/>. This website will provide everything a parent or leader might need to help plan a meeting or scouting event.

Your district has a team of volunteers called the **District Committee** which develops quality district-wide programs in which boys can participate.

Your district has another volunteer team called the **Commissioner Staff**. They are our "service team." They check on the health of your pack and are a communications link between your pack and the Scouting organization. A commissioner is assigned to assist your unit.

Your district has fast start training videos and leader basic training available. Or you can visit <http://www.mac-bsa.org/> and click on training. All leaders need training!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

My pack number is 374.

My den number is _____

My Scouting district is the Soaring Eagle District.

My council is Mid America Council.

My den leader's names/phone#'s/Email are:

_____ / _____ / _____

_____ / _____ / _____

My den meets on _____

My den meets at _____

My Cubmaster's name is King Hawes

My Cubmaster's phone number is 402-830-6611

My pack meets normally on Thursday nights at 6:30 PM (see Pack Calendar!).

My pack meets normally at Cottonwood School Gym.

WHAT WILL SCOUTING COST ME?

Fees collected in Sept. 2011 for all scouts in Pack 374 for 2011/2012 scout year:

Registration fee: \$15.00

BSA Insurance fee: \$3.00/Year

Boys' Life Magazine \$12.00/Year

2011/2012 Den Dues \$20.00

2011/2012 Pack Dues \$25.00

Total cost for year of scouting = \$75.00 (check made payable to: "Pack 374")

*Fees collected for brand **new** scouts for remainder 2010/2011 scout year:*

Registration fee: \$7.50 (Note: all paid registrations in by May 31st, 2011 get 1 paid scout and adult summer day camp)

BSA Insurance fee: \$1.50/Year

Boys' Life Magazine \$6.00/Year

Total Cost for ½ year of Scouting registration=\$14.00(check made payable to: "Pack 374")

Uniforms: Please check with your Cub Master to see what your pack recommends and also remember that uniforms can be purchased at thrift shops. Check with Pack leaders regarding Financial Assistance if needed. The pack will provide a Pack T-shirt(Class "B" uniform) to wear at events that do not require the official Cub Scout uniform(Class "A"). Please order your child a large enough shirt to accommodate his growth through cub scouting.

Cub Scout Pack 374

Scout supplies are available at:

Mid-America Council
12401 West Maple Road
431-0700

Canfield's Sporting Goods
8457 West Center Road
393-3363

Items you **need** to purchase:

Navy Blue Uniform Shirt(Tan for Webelos) - referred to as Class "A" uniform

Patches for Shirt:

- Mid-American Council Shoulder Patch
- World crest Patch
- Den # patch
- Individual pack Number Patches (3, 7, 4)

- Belt (to hold earned belt-loops)
- Scout Handbook (Tiger, Wolf, Bear or Webelos)

Things you **do not need** to purchase Pack provides these items:

- Neckerchief and Slider each year
- Pack 374 T-Shirt - referred to as Class "B" uniform
- All awards, badges & pins earned throughout each year
- Pinewood Derby Car each year

Den numbers for 2011-2012 School Year:

- Tiger Den #3
- Wolf Den #2
- Bear Den #12
- Webelos 1 #1 - Lightning Bolts
- Webelos 2 #15

Info to hand in:

1. Youth Application
2. Adult Application - if there is any way you can assist in making this the best possible experience for our boy's.
3. Check made out to Pack 374 for the pack and den dues. (\$75.00)
4. This form which has the order form for the Pack T-shirts for your scout and for the parent, if they would like to purchase one. Remember the Pack will only pay for one for the youth during his whole time in Cub Scout, so get the T-shirt big enough to 5th grade.

Circle one: YM YL AS AM AL AXL A2L

5. Information for the Pack and Dens is passed by emails. Please give your email where you would like information to be forward to.
