



Pack 108 Parent Guide

Welcome to Pack 108!

This Guide is intended to give parents a quick overview of the Cub Scout program and to give some basic information you'll need to get your son ready for some great adventures.



About Cub Scouting

Since its beginning, the Cub Scout program has been a fun and educational experience concerned with values. Besides providing a positive place where boys can enjoy safe, wholesome activities, Cub Scouting focuses on building character, improving physical fitness, teaching practical skills, and developing a spirit of community service.

How Does Cub Scouting Work?

The Cub Scouting program takes place at two levels. Your son will be a part of a den, a small group of boys in the same grade level who usually meet weekly. All dens, from grades K through 5, make up a pack. Once a month, the dens, with their families, meet together at the pack meeting.

Pack Meetings

Our pack generally holds pack meetings at 6 pm on the first Thursday of each month from September through May. Pack meetings are held at St. John's Lutheran Church (60 Broad Street, Westfield).

We also hold several other special events throughout the year:

Camping

We hold two overnight family camping events in September and May. **Note:** *Our pack requires that all adults complete a CORI check before they will be permitted to attend an overnight event.*

Blue and Gold Banquet

In February we celebrate Cub Scouting's birthday. This event is for all pack members and their families.

Pinewood Derby®

You can build and race a model car with your son. This event is held in March.



Pack Picnic

In early June we wrap up the scouting year with our annual pack picnic.

Summer Events

We also schedule hikes and other outdoor activities throughout the summer.

Getting Started

- Complete Youth Application
- Complete Pack Contact Form
- Pay Registration Fees
- Purchase Scout Uniform
- Purchase Scout Handbook
- Review the Youth Protection pamphlet (included with the handbook) with your scout
- Get ready to have fun!



Dens

Den meetings are held on a night determined by each den leader. Your den leader will have the schedule for your son's den.



All boys in 1st through 5th grades, when they join, earn the Bobcat badge first. Your den leader will show you how.



The Lion Den (Kindergarten)

Our Lion Cub program has exciting indoor and outdoor activities specifically designed for kindergarten boys and their adult partner. At the conclusion of their kindergarten year, the Lion Cub will transition to Tiger Cubs where he'll earn the Bobcat badge and continue through Cub Scouting.



The Tiger Den (1st Grade)

The Tiger rank is for boys who are in first grade or age seven. To earn the Tiger badge, a boy must complete six required adventures with his den or family and one elective adventure of his den or family's choosing. As the boy completes each adventure, he will receive an adventure loop to wear on his belt. After completing the seven required adventures, he has earned the Tiger badge.

After earning the Tiger badge, a Tiger Scout can work on the remaining 12 Tiger electives until he finishes first grade (or turns 8 years old).



The Wolf Den (2nd Grade)

The Wolf rank is for boys who have finished first grade or eight years old. To earn the Wolf badge, a boy must complete six required adventures and one elective adventure. The boy receives an adventure loop for each adventure and after meeting all requirements, has earned the Wolf badge.

After earning the Wolf badge, a Wolf Scout can work on the remaining 12 Wolf electives until he finishes second grade or turns 9 years old.



The Bear Den (3rd Grade)

The Bear rank is for boys who have finished second grade or are nine years old. To earn the Bear badge, a boy must complete six required adventures and one elective adventure. The boy receives an adventure loop for each adventure and after meeting all requirements, has earned the Bear badge.

After earning the Bear badge, a Bear Scout can work on the remaining 12 Bear electives until he finishes third grade or turns 10 years old.



The Webelos Den (4th Grade)

Webelos dens are for boys who have completed third grade or are ten years old. Webelos Scouts work on the five required Webelos

adventures and choose two of the 18 elective adventures that are shared by the Webelos and Arrow of Light ranks. For each adventure a boy completes, he receives a pin to wear on the Webelos colors or on his hat. After completing seven adventures, including five required adventures and two elective adventures, he's earned the Webelos badge.

After earning the Webelos badge, a Webelos Scout can work on the remaining 18 shared Webelos and Arrow of Light electives until he finishes fourth grade or turns 11 years old.



The Arrow of Light Den (5th Grade)

The highest rank in Cub Scouting is the Arrow of Light, preparing a Webelos Scout to become a Boy Scout. Scouts must complete four required adventures and three elective adventures to earn the Arrow of Light rank. For each adventure a boy completes, he receives a pin to wear on the Webelos colors or on his hat.

After a boy has earned the The Arrow of Light badge he's ready to join a Boy Scout Troop! The Arrow of Light is the only Cub Scout badge that can be worn on the Boy Scout uniform.



How Much Does Scouting Cost?

Registration Fee \$27

Annual fee to BSA national organization.

Boy's Life Magazine \$12

Optional but strongly recommended subscription

Pack Dues \$25

Annual fee to cover pack expenses.

The pack organizes fundraiser activities to help offset the costs listed above. Ask your den leader for more information.

Scout handbook

Visit the council Trading Post located at Western Mass Boy Scout office on Arch Road in Westfield or www.scoutstuff.org for current pricing information.

Uniform

Visit the council Trading Post or www.scoutstuff.org for current pricing information.



Uniforms

Scouts should purchase a uniform shortly after joining Cub Scouts. Uniforms may be purchased at the council Trading Post. The Trading Post staff will be happy to help you find what you need.

For Lion Cubs, the uniform is the dark blue Lion Cub t-shirt. For other Cub Scout ranks, uniforms include: shirt, patches, belt, neckerchief, neckerchief slide, and hat. Each rank has a different color neckerchief and hat. Tiger, Wolf, and Bear Scouts wear the blue scout shirt. Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts can wear either the blue Cub Scout shirt or the tan Boy Scout shirt. A guide for the placement of patches can be found inside the scout handbook for each rank.

Uniform Checklist

- Shirt
- Council patch
- World Crest patch
- Unit number (108) patches
- Den patch (ask your den leader about your den number)
- Belt
- Neckerchief
- Neckerchief slide
- Hat

Scouts are encouraged to wear their uniforms to all den and pack meetings, and when traveling to scout events.

Behavior Expectations

We expect boys to be well-behaved and respectful of others. No tobacco, drugs, or alcohol will be permitted nor profanity tolerated at any pack activity or function. This goes for adults as well. BSA Guidelines specifically restrict drugs, alcohol, and tobacco

use by adults in the presence of children.

Youth Protection

The Boy Scouts of America places the greatest importance on providing the most secure environment possible for its youth members. To maintain such an environment, the BSA has developed numerous procedural and leadership selection policies, and provides parents and leaders with numerous online and print resources for the Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venturing programs. Youth Protection training is required for all BSA registered volunteers. New leaders are required to complete Youth Protection training within 30 days of registering. All other adults involved with scouting are strongly encouraged to complete Youth Protection training. To take the training online, go to my.scouting.org and establish an account.

Internet Resources

www.scouting.org
www.scoutstuff.org
www.WMAscouting.org
www.boyslife.org
www.pack108westfield.org



How Can You Help?

The most important help that you, as a parent, can give your boy is to work with him on his Cub Scouting activities. His handbook is full of age-appropriate activities that you will enjoy doing together at home. Your role as a parent is the secret to a successful Cub Scouting program!

The pack also relies on parent participation to run a successful program. Cub Scouting operates through volunteer leadership. Consider volunteering as a member of the pack leadership team.

Contact any of the pack leaders listed below for more information on how you can help.

Pack Leaders

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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*

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A confirmation email will be sent. You must follow the link in the conformation email in order to add your email to the list

