



DEN & PACK INFORMATION

My child is in Pack: _____

Pack meeting location: _____

Pack Meeting dates: _____

Pack Meeting time: _____

Den Meeting location: _____

Den Meeting dates: _____

Den Meeting time: _____

OUR DEN & PACK LEADERS

Den Leader: _____

Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Cubmaster: _____

Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Committee Chair: _____

Phone #: _____

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WHY JOIN CUB SCOUTING?

- Your time is valuable. More than ever, families struggle to find time to spend together. Cub Scouting helps support your family by providing ready-made opportunities for you to do things together. Cub Scouting exists to support your family and help enrich family time together.
- Your child needs to belong to a group of children their own age. Through this sense of belonging, children 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. The Boy Scouts of America has been weaving these lifetime values into fun and educational activities since 1910.
- In a society where your child is taught winning is everything, Cub Scouting teaches to “do your best” and to be helpful to others. Scouting teaches family values and works to strengthen your relationship with your child. Scouting activities bring added value to the time you have with your child.
- We know that children do not join Cub Scouting just to get their character built. Children join because it is fun.



HOW MUCH DOES SCOUTING COST?

Total New Scout Registration fee:\$155

National Annual Registration fee*\$80

National one-time New Scout fee**\$25

Council Youth service fee*\$50

Scout Life magazine (optional)\$15

Total New Adult Registration fee:\$90

National Annual Registration fee*\$60

Council Adult service fee*\$30

**Annual Registration Fees that are due yearly on the anniversary of your joining date.*

***The National New Scout Fee does not apply to former or existing members of the Scouting program. It is a one-time fee paid when initially joining.*

Pack Dues: Pack dues cover the annual operating expenses of a successful Cub Scout program. The amount varies by pack. Many packs cover all fees with successful fundraisers and have no Pack dues.

Uniform: Uniforms and costs vary by program. Uniforms can be purchased at Hawk Mountain Council Scout Shop located inside the Beaver Family Service Center. Uniforms can also be ordered and shipped from our Scout Shop.

Books: Youth handbooks are the Lion Handbook / Den Leader Guide kit, Tiger Handbook, Wolf Handbook, Bear Handbook, and Webelos Handbook. Books range from \$10 to \$20 and can be purchased at our Scout Shop.

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YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

CHARTERED ORGANIZATION

Your **Den** is in a **Pack** that is sponsored by an organization and is chartered by the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) to operate the Cub Scout program. This **Chartered Organization** approves leadership, helps secure a meeting place, and makes sure the pack works within their guidelines and policies as well as those of the BSA. A **Chartered Organization Representative** is a member of the pack committee who represents the chartered organization in the pack.

DISTRICT

Your **Pack** and **Chartered Organization** are a member of a **District**, a geographic area of the Hawk Mountain Council. The district supports the pack in providing a high-quality program. An employee of the Hawk Mountain Council, the **District Executive**, is a great resource for the pack.

UNIT COMMISSIONER

The Unit Commissioner is a volunteer assigned to your pack to be a communication link between your pack and the Hawk Mountain Council. Your Unit Commissioner is another great resource and is an experienced volunteer.

QUALITY TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Your district provides classroom-based training for adult volunteers in how to be a successful leader. All required training courses for Cub Scout leaders are also available online for you to complete at your pace and at your convenience. Information about Cub Scout leader training is available at www.hmc-bsa.org or at www.scouting.org.



HOW DOES SCOUTING WORK?

Your child will be a part of a den, a small group of kids in the same grade. Den meetings last about an hour and typically are held twice a month. Your child is also part of a Pack. Dens from all grade levels form a Cub Scout pack. Once a month all dens, and their families, meet together at the pack meeting where boys and girls show off new skills and projects they worked on and are recognized for their accomplishments.

Cub Scouts at each grade level have handbooks with age appropriate activities. As they advance through these books by working on activities at meetings and with family, they earn badges and other recognition to wear on their uniform.

DENS & DEN MEETINGS

Lion (Kindergarten) and Tiger (Grade 1) Cub Scout Dens - At both levels a boy or girl and an Adult Partner (parent or guardian) join the Den together and attend all meetings and activities together.

A den is made up of three to eight Tiger - Adult Partner teams. Each Den has a Tiger Den Leader (usually a parent or guardian) who coordinates the meetings. Adult partners take turns running the activities and planning meetings with the Tiger Den Leader. One of the two monthly den meetings is typically a "Go See It" activity, a visit to a fire station, library, museum, etc.

Wolf (Grade 2) and Bear (Grade 3) Cub Scout Dens - Parents continue to be vital to the Cub Scout dens by helping the Den Leader, but Wolves and Bears are beginning to be more independent, and not every boy or girl needs a parent at every meeting. The den consists of three to eight boys, or girls. a Den Leader and Assistant Den Leader (usually parents of children in the den).

Webelos (Grade 4) and Arrow of Light candidate (Grade 5) Cub Scout Dens - The Webelos and Arrow of Light candidate Dens are much like the Cub Scout Dens with more emphasis on boys and girls learning to take leadership roles and preparing to join Scouts BSA.

THE PACK MEETINGS

The Cub Scout pack is made up of all the dens, which meet monthly at the pack meeting, led by the Cubmaster. This is the climax of the monthly den meeting and activities. There are games, skits, songs, ceremonies, and presentations of badges children earned during that month. This is where Family Scouting comes to Life—not just parents, but siblings, too—can see the achievements of their Cub Scout.

The pack, **including families**, also participates in special events including:

- Pinewood Derby® - Cub Scouts build and race a model car!
- Blue and Gold banquet - Cub Scouting's birthday party!
- Camping - Overnight and day camp opportunities for parents and Cub Scouts.
- Service projects - Food drives, conservation projects, and more.
- Field trips and special outings - Great ways to learn more about the people and places in your community.



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

The most important help you can give your Cub Scout is to work with them on advancement activities. Their handbook is full of adventures you will enjoy doing together. When they complete an activity or project, you can sign the book to verify they have done their best. You also attend the monthly pack meeting with them, so you can celebrate their achievement. Your role as a parent is the secret of success of the Cub Scouting program!

Successful dens and packs also rely on parent participation. Both the den and pack operate through volunteer leadership. Scouting volunteers exemplify Scouting's principle of service to others. By volunteering you are also giving your child the gift of your time. What could be more valuable? Here are some ways you could volunteer:

DEN LEADER. Leads the den at den and pack meetings. Participates in the monthly pack committee meeting.

CUBMASTER. Works closely with the pack committee to plan and carry out the annual program. Emcees the monthly pack meeting and is responsible to the pack committee.

THE PACK COMMITTEE. Meets monthly to plan and carry out the annual program. Pack committee members fill a variety of positions to support the annual program of the pack. Some pack committee positions include: Committee chair, Advancement chair, Treasurer, Secretary, and Pack Trainer. All parents are invited to participate on the pack committee as parent helpers.

PARENT HELPERS. Parent helpers assist with short-term projects in the den or pack. This might be coordinating pack events, fundraisers, service projects, field trips or outings.

