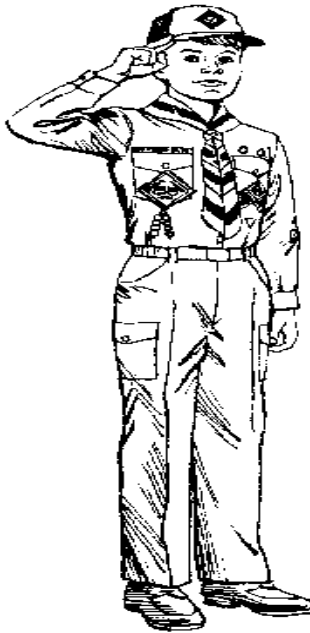




**Welcome to the Adventure of**

# **Cub Scouting!**

(It's not just for kids!)



**At tonight's meeting, we intend to:**

- Inform parents and boys about Cub Scouting and the Boy Scouts of America
- Recruit boys for Cub Scouting
- Select parents to be leaders

# Your Son, Scouting, and You

As a parent, you want your son to grow up to be a person of worth, a self-reliant, dependable, and caring individual. Scouting has these same goals in mind for him. Since 1910 we've been weaving lifetime values into fun and educational activities designed to assist parents in strengthening character, developing good citizenship, and enhancing physical fitness in youth.

These values help your son make good decisions and give him confidence as he becomes an adult leader of tomorrow.

With all the negative influences in today's society, Scouting provides your son with a positive peer group and a program that is fun and adventurous and helps him to "be prepared" to shape his own future.

---

## The Programs

When your son graduates from Cub Scouting, there is more in store for him to enjoy. Boy Scouting, Venture Scouting, and Exploring are awaiting him as he grows older.

### Boy Scouting

- A troop and patrol-centered program for boys in sixth grade through senior high school designed to build and foster lifetime skills.
- Program builds self-esteem, self-reliance, and self-respect through a blend of outdoor experiences, educational and instructional skills, recognition, value building, and fun.
- Among the activities offered are: more than 120 hobby and career skills available through the merit badge program, year-round camping and outside activities, an honor camping society, recognition, leadership training, service projects, and special events.
- Boys and adult leaders meet weekly as a troop, monthly for an overnight or weekend campout, or other outdoor activities.

### Venturing

- A program for young men and women, 14 – 20 years old, built around five program areas of emphasis and a team-coach approach.

- Program areas of emphasis include: sports, advancement, high adventure activities, personal development, and service. Special programs and events related to those areas are also available.
- Youth and adult leaders generally meet bi-weekly for regular team activities and monthly for special activities.

### Exploring

- A unique and flexible program for both young men and women 14 – 20 years old that provides career and lifetime vocational opportunities through a partnership with business, industry, law enforcement agencies, business associations, religious, and community organizations.
- Special-interest Exploring groups, called posts, expose young people to more than 100 career fields and vocational interests including: finance, law, journalism, law enforcement, emergency medical assistance, computer programming, photography, and much more. Posts generally meet twice a month.
- \* Career Awareness Exploring provides teens a look at specific career fields through a series of career seminars coordinated through their high schools and held during school time.



## **Tiger Cubs, BSA, Motto: Search, Discover, Share**

Tiger Cubs, BSA, is a 1-year program for first-grade boys. Each boy participates with a parent (or another adult family member) in family-oriented activities.

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

## **Cub Scout Motto: Do Your Best**

Cub Scouting is a home, and neighborhood-centered program designed to support family life for boys in first 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.
- Develop new mental skills such as writing and calculating.
- Develop personal independence.

In a 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. A Cub Scout den provides your son with a group of boys his own age in

which he can earn status and recognition. In the den, he will also gain a sense of personal achievement for the new skills he learns.

## **How Can You Help?**

Scouting operates through volunteer leadership. Volunteer Unit leaders are an example of scouting's principle of service to others. Naturally, parents are a primary source of leaders in the Scouting program. You volunteer not only to serve Scouting, but also to serve 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, talent, 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 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—wearing the Scouting uniform is a visible means of showing you believe in and stand up for the ideals and objectives of the Boy Scouts of America.

# Cub Scouting



## 1 Your Boy Is a Member of a Den

- A. A den has 4 to 8 boys.
- B. The den meets once a week.
- C. The den is led by a trained den leader (usually a parent)
- D. The den leader is usually assisted by an assistant den leader, a den chief (an older Boy Scout), and a denner (a Cub Scout elected by den members).
- E. Den meetings have games, crafts, stunts, songs, ceremonies, and lots of fun.

## 2 Your Boy Is a Member of a Pack

- A. A Pack is made up of several dens.
- B. The pack meets once a month – all Cub Scout families attend.
- C. The monthly pack meeting is led by the Cubmaster.
- D. The pack meeting is the climax of the month's den meetings and activities.
- E. Pack meetings have games, skits, stunts, songs, ceremonies, and presentations of badges that the boys earned that month.

## 3 The Pack Is Run by the Pack Committee

- A. The pack committee is made up of a group of qualified adults appointed by the chartered organization to administer the

program of the pack. Usually the committee members, as well as other pack leaders, are parents of boys in the pack.

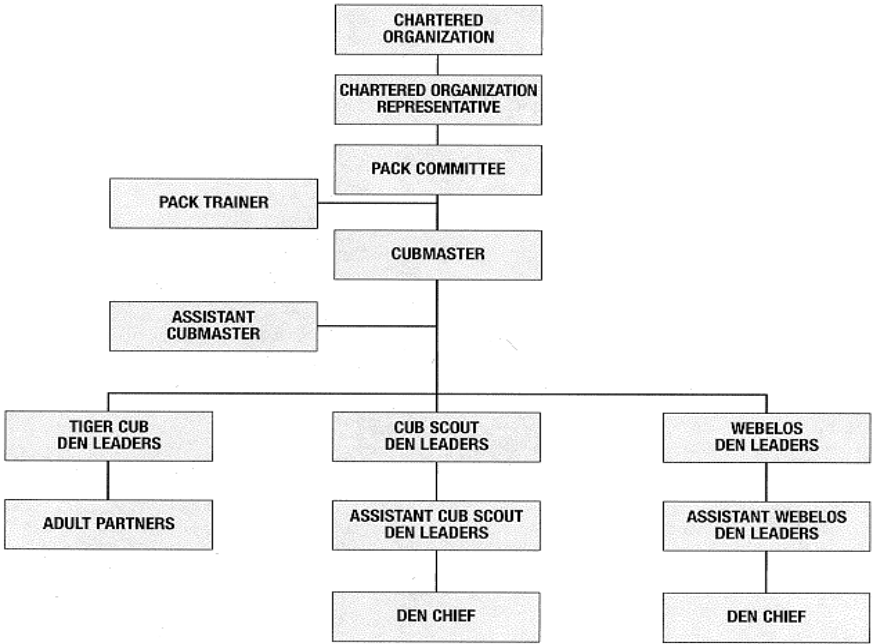
- B. The committee meets once a month.
- C. The committee is led by a committee chairman and the Cubmaster.
- D. The committee plans den and pack meetings around the monthly theme.
- E. The committee selects leaders, performs record keeping, manages pack finances, orders badges, maintains pack equipment, helps train leaders, and recognizes leaders.



## 4 The Pack Is Owned by the Chartered Organization

- A. Chartered organizations include schools, parent-school associations, religious organizations, service clubs, and other groups interested in youth.
- B. The chartered organization approves leaders, provides a meeting place, and operates packs within the guidelines and policies of the chartered organization and the Boy Scouts of America.
- C. The chartered organization selects a chartered organization representative who serves as a liaison between the pack and organization.

# PACK ORGANIZATION CHART



**Serving Youth Together**

# The Advancement Plan

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

Teachers and educational authorities alike have long known the benefits of visual demonstrations. Learning occurs faster and easier when the student sees the lesson being performed in addition to reading about it in a book.

Now you can give your Cub Scout this "visual advantage" with the all-new Cub Scout Video Library. Fully approved and endorsed by the Boy Scouts of America, this video series incorporates imaginative animation, computer graphics, and live action to entertain and teach your youngsters the important techniques and values of Cub Scouting. Three videos, Bobcat/Wolf, Bear, and Webelos are available through your local council service center.

---



## Tiger Cub

Tiger Cub Scouts who are in the first grade can earn this badge by completing five achievements in three areas: den activity, family activity, and a Go See It.



## Bobcat

All boys, regardless of age, earn the Bobcat badge first by learning the Cub Scout Promise, Law of the Pack, handshake, salute, sign, motto, and the meaning of "Webelos." After receiving the Bobcat badge, the boy works on requirements based on his grade or age.



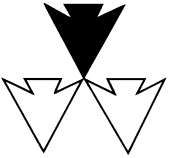
## Wolf

A Cub Scout who has completed first grade (or is age 8), works on 12 achievements to earn the Wolf badge.



## **Bear**

A Cub Scout who has completed second grade (or is age 9), completes 12 of 24 achievements to earn the Bear badge.



## **Arrow Points**

After he earns his Wolf or Bear badge, a boy may work on electives in different interest areas until he is old enough to begin work on the next rank. For every 10 electives a boy completes, he earns an Arrow Point. A boy may earn as many Arrow Points as he wishes.



## **Webelos Scouts**

When a Cub Scout has completed the third grade (or becomes 10 years old), he transfers to a Webelos den led by an adult Webelos leader. The boy works on requirements for the Webelos badge, 20 activity badges, and the Arrow of Light Award (the highest award in Cub Scouting) which prepares him for his graduation into Boy Scouting.



---

When a boy earns the Arrow of Light or reaches 11 years of age or completes the fifth grade, he may graduate from Cub Scouting to Boy Scouting at an impressive graduation ceremony.

**We aim to graduate every Cub Scout into Boy Scouting.**

# Special Activities



- \* **Good Turn** - This is a pack service project to benefit the community.



- \* **Pinewood derby** - Parent and son work together to build a gravity-powered miniature race car from a special kit. Most packs conduct the derby races annually.



- \* **Resident camp** - Resident camping is a week long theme-oriented outdoor program. Outdoor program events include: Showmanship, Sportsmanship, Craftsmanship, Waterfront, Fitness, Camp Craft, and Nature.

- \* **Blue and gold banquet** - This is a birthday party for your Cub Scout pack usually held in February. Most often it is a seated dinner, but sometimes it is a covered-dish supper. A special program or entertainment is customary.



- \* **Boys' Life magazine** - This magazine for boys and adults has interesting features on Scouting, sports, hobbies, magic, science, and U.S. history. There are also jokes, comics, and short stories. The price is \$10.80 per year for members.

- \* **Day camp** - Day camp is an exciting summertime activity that includes archery, BB guns, crafts, games, sports, songs, and skits. This 5 day program, conducted under certified leadership, is held on an approved site during daylight hours. Cub Scout day camp is an excellent way to introduce youth to the outdoors and teach them new skills. It also helps strengthen the pack's summer program.



## BOYS' LIFE

# **Training for the New Cub Scout Leader**

The first step in training is to review the Fast Start video and viewer guide. These materials will give you a quick look at your job and an overview of Cub Scouting. The next step is to take Cub Scout Leader Basic Training. Basic training covers how to conduct den and pack meetings, program planning, and administration.

The pow wow is an all-day training opportunity that covers items such as crafts, skits and puppets, the blue and gold banquet, pack administration, games, Webelos Scout activities, Cub Scout sports, and special pack activities.

Cub Scout Roundtables are generally held once a month on a weekday evening and provide an excellent opportunity for leaders throughout the District to share ideas, answer questions, and get information about upcoming events. Program games, crafts, and activities to help den and Pack leaders with monthly themes are also shared.

For more information call your district executive, the local council service center, or the Cub Scout training chairman in your district.

---

## **Connecticut Yankee Council Boy Scouts of America**

The Connecticut Yankee Council encompasses parts of Fairfield, New Haven and Hartford Counties and serves over 26,200 youth members in over 581 Units. In order to provide the best possible service to each of our Units, our Council is divided into nine geographical areas called Districts. Each District is led by a team of volunteers who run local training courses, activities and events for the leaders and youth of their area. To get more information about the events or leaders within a particular District please call our Council Office in Milford at (203) 876-6868 or go to the Council website at [www.ctyankee.org](http://www.ctyankee.org)



# You Are Not Alone

- \* *Cub Scout and Webelos Scout Program Helps* contains meeting plans for dens and packs and shows you how to do crafts and games. All leaders working with Cub Scouts or Webelos Scouts receive *Program Helps* in *Scouting* magazine.
- \* Most packs have a pack library that contains the leader books you need and Fast Start training videotapes and viewer guides designed to help you do your job.
- \* Monthly roundtable meetings for all adult Cub Scout volunteers are held. Participants receive 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.
- \* Your district has a volunteer crew called the district committee that performs quality district-wide programs in which youth can participate.
- \* Your district has another volunteer crew called the commissioner staff. Individuals on the staff serve as the sales and service crew. They check on the health of your pack and are a communications link between your pack and the Scouting organization.
- \* The Council also makes basic leader training available for all volunteer leaders. All leaders need training! The district will also help you with Fast Start training.
- \* Each district is served by a full-time district executive.
- \* Staff members at the local council service center can help or put you in touch with someone who can help you succeed.

## How is Scouting Financed?

When you register your son into the Scouting Program there is an \$15.00 national Registration & Insurance fee. This fee allows your son to be part of the Scouting program and goes straight to our national office to help provide many of the services that our leaders will receive (training courses, *Scouting Magazine*, insurance, etc.) None of this money stays in the local Council. Providing a Scouting Program within the Connecticut Yankee Council takes an annual budget of approximately \$3,400,000 : of which 98% must be raised each year from the generous support of friends, families, corporations and foundations. The

Connecticut Yankee Council budget includes things like subsidization of the summer camp program, maintenance and upkeep of the land and property at five different camping facilities, support staff, a bi-monthly newsletter (the *Scouter*) to leaders, training courses for leaders, and much, much more. The funds needed to support Scouting programs in the Connecticut Yankee Council comes from a variety of areas. Some of the major areas are:

**Friends of Scouting Campaign:** Each year our Council conducts a “Friends of Scouting Campaign” to solicit contributions from families and members of the community. It offers families the opportunity to help invest in the future of our Scouting youth.

**Popcorn Sale:** Most Units in the Connecticut Yankee Council participate in the annual Popcorn sale. Sales from this fund raiser benefit both the Council and those Units that participate. The annual sale occurs during September & October, and popcorn begins being delivered during November.

**Special Events:** Each year our Council conducts a number of special-event fund raisers to help raise money to support our Scouting Program. Everything from Golf Tournaments to Citizen-of-the-Year Events are held during the year.

**United Way:** The Scouting program is not a government agency; hence we receive no tax dollar support. United Way support accounts for a very small % of our annual budget.

## **How is My Pack Financed?**

- \* Money-earning projects such as candy sales and carwashes are popular. Many packs earn money from recycling, cake auctions, bake sales, etc..
- \* Most packs charge members dues.
- \* The money goes for pack equipment, advancement insignia, special events, and program materials. Many packs pay registration fees for membership from boys' dues.

## **Comparative Costs of Scouting**

Beyond a \$15 registration fee, \$36 dollar uniform, \$15 Pack dues (varies by Pack) and a \$5 book, the cost of Scouting comes to \$164 per year, or slightly more than \$13 per month for a twelve month program. Compared to the costs of uniforms, lessons and fees for seasonal youth activities such as hockey, football, little league, basketball, and soccer, the costs of Scouting on a per month basis is a value that is hard to beat. In addition, the Family values, citizenship and leadership skills that scouting instills in youth, make it (dollar for dollar) an exceptional investment! Cub Scouting - there is no better family oriented program for youth!

## **Welcome to Scouting**



## New-Member Checklist

---

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Council \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Tiger \_\_\_ Wolf \_\_\_ Bear \_\_\_ Webelos

Den Number \_\_\_\_\_ Pack Number \_\_\_\_\_

### Cub Scout Checklist

- Tiger Cub Shirt
- Shirt - long sleeved
- Shirt - short sleeved
- Cub Scout belt and buckle
- Webelos Scout buckle

### Neckerchiefs

- Wolf
- Bear
- Webelos

### Neckerchief Slides

- Cub Scout
- Webelos Scout

### Pants

- Short
- Long

### Caps

- Tiger Cub cap
- Cub Scout mesh cap
- Cub Scout visored cap
- Webelos scout mesh cap
- Webelos scout visored cap

### Insignia

- Council shoulder patch \_\_\_\_\_
- Unit numeral \_\_\_\_\_
- Den numeral \_\_\_\_\_  
or
- Webelos den name \_\_\_\_\_

### Handbooks

- Tiger Cub Book
- Wolf Cub Scout Book
- Bear Cub Scout Book
- Webelos Scout Book

## Connecticut Yankee Council, B.S.A.

### Scout Shop

60 Wellington Rd  
Milford, Connecticut

(203) 876-6868

### Business Hours

Mon - Fri.:  
9:00 - 6:00 pm

Sat:  
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Closed Sunday

# Pack Leadership Structure

Program positions in the pack are held by adults who work directly with the boys and organize the actual programs they participate in.

My son's den leader is \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

My son's den meets \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
Day Time

Location \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Our Pack meets \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
Day Time

Location \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

My son's Cubmaster is \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## Den Leader(s)

Leads the den at weekly den meetings and monthly Pack meeting. Attends the monthly pack leaders' meeting and monthly roundtable meeting.



## Cubmaster

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

## Pack Trainer

Encourages leaders to take Fast Start and Basic Training. Meets with den leaders monthly to plan pack program with the help of the pack committee. Attends pack meeting, pack committee meetings, and roundtable meetings. The Cubmaster may perform this function in a small pack.



## **Tiger Cub Den Leader**

Helps the pack's Tiger Cub den(s) stay active and participate with the Pack.



## **Pack Committee**

Pack committee members perform the administrative functions of the Pack.



## **Committee Chairman**

Presides at all Pack leader meetings. Helps recruit Adult leaders. Also attends Pack meeting and Roundtable meetings.



## **Secretary / Treasurer**

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

## **Advancement Member**

Maintains advancement records. Orders and obtains all badges and insignia. Attends Pack meetings and Pack committee meetings.



## **Parent Helpers**

Function/Activity chairmen positions are auxiliary to the Pack committee and perform "one shot" program jobs such as coordinating Pack participation in sales events, Scouting for Food, Pack Good Turns, pinewood derby, Blue and Gold banquet, Scout shows, Pack graduation, and Day Camp. These jobs are of short duration.



# Functional Positions

The following positions all need to be filled for the Pack to have a successful year. Would you please indicate your first four choices of service for this coming year? Some of these positions are short-term and others are for the entire year. Each parent should be willing to assist if this program is to work.



**This sheet should be turned in tonight.**

---

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pack parents' committee        | <input type="checkbox"/> Cub Scout Day Camp coordinator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pack song leader               | <input type="checkbox"/> Cub Scout Day Camp Leader      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sales (Fund raising) committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Den Leader or Assistant        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friends of Scouting campaign   | <input type="checkbox"/> Tiger Cub Den Leader           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Awards committee               | <input type="checkbox"/> Pack Christmas party committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pinewood derby committee       | <input type="checkbox"/> Pack sports program committee  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scouting for Food Drive        | <input type="checkbox"/> Special events committee       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blue and Gold Banquet          | <input type="checkbox"/> Webelos Den Leader/Assistant   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cubmaster                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone committee            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assistant Cubmaster            | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scout Show committee           |   |

Name (parents) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Languages spoken other than English \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies \_\_\_\_\_

Sports interests \_\_\_\_\_

Job \_\_\_\_\_ Work Shift \_\_\_\_\_

I have a truck \_\_\_\_\_ Van \_\_\_\_\_ Trailer \_\_\_\_\_ Station Wagon \_\_\_\_\_

I have a workshop \_\_\_\_\_

Cub Scouts name \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

# Preparing Youth for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century



**CONNECTICUT YANKEE COUNCIL,  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
60 WELLINGTON RD  
MILFORD, CT 06460**

**PHONE: (203) 876-6868  
[www.ctyankee.org](http://www.ctyankee.org)**

