

Join the Fun

Welcome

to

Pack 1559

Pointer Ridge Elementary

School PTA



What Is Cub Scouting?

The Purposes of Cub Scouting

Since 1930, the Boy Scouts of America has helped younger boys through Cub Scouting. It is a year-round family program designed for boys who are in the first grade through fifth grade (or 7, 8, 9, and 10 years of age). Parents, leaders, and organizations work together to achieve the purposes of Cub Scouting. Currently, Cub Scouting is the largest of the BSA's three membership divisions. (The others are Boy Scouting and Venturing.)

The Ten Purposes of Cub Scouting Are:

- Character Development
- Spiritual Growth
- Good Citizenship
- Sportsmanship
- Family Understanding
- Respectful Relationships
- Personal Achievement
- Friendly Service
- Fun and Adventure
- Preparation for Boy Scouts



Membership

Cub Scouting members join a Cub Scout Pack and are assigned to a Den, usually a neighborhood group of six to eight boys. Tiger Cubs (first-graders), Wolf Cub Scouts (second graders), Bear Cub Scouts (third graders), and Webelos Scouts (fourth and fifth graders) meet weekly. Once a month, all of the Dens and family members gather for a Pack meeting under the direction of a Cubmaster and Pack Committee. The Committee includes parents of boys in the Pack and members of the PTA (chartered organization).

Cub Scout Membership* is:

998,207 Cub Scouts

564,024 Adult Leaders

830,305 Webelos Scouts

54,394 Packs

285,908 Tiger Cub Teams

*As of December 31, 2000

Volunteer Leadership

Thousands of volunteer leaders are involved in the Cub Scout program. They serve in a variety of positions, as everything from Cubmasters to Pack Committee Chairmen, Committee Members, Den Leaders, and Chartered Organization Representatives.

Cub Scouting is made available to groups having similar interests and goals, including religious, educational, civic, fraternal, business, labor, and citizens' groups. These "sponsors" are called Chartered Organizations. The Pointer Ridge Elementary School PTA is Pack 1559's Chartered Organization. Each organization appoints one of its members as a Chartered Organization Representative. The organization, through the Pack Committee, is responsible for providing leadership, the meeting place, and support materials for Pack activities.

Who Pays For It?

Cub Scouting is supported mainly by the boys and their parents, the Pack, the Chartered Organization, and the community. The boy is encouraged to pay his own way by contributing dues each week. The Pack earns income by selling popcorn and working on other fundraising projects. The community, including parents, supports Cub Scouting through the United Way, Friends of Scouting, bequests, and special contributions to the BSA local council. This financial support provides leadership training, outdoor programs, council service centers and other facilities, and professional service for units.

What Does it Cost:

	Tiger, Wolf, and Bear Cubs (1st – 3rd Grade)	Webelos I (4th Grade)	Webelos II (5th Grade)
Registration	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Insurance	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
Pack Dues	\$15.00	\$24.00	\$17.00
Boy's Life	\$9.00	\$9.00	\$9.00
Total	\$35.00	\$44.00	\$37.00
without <i>Boy's Life</i>	\$26.00	\$35.00	\$28.00

Advancement Plan

Recognition is important to young boys. The Cub Scout advancement plan provides fun for the boys, gives them a sense of personal achievement as they earn badges, and strengthens family understanding as adult family members work with boys on advancement projects.



Tiger Cub. The Tiger Cub program is for first grade (or age 7) boys and their adult partners. There are five Tiger Cub achievement areas. The Tiger Cub, working with his adult partner, completes 15 requirements within these areas to earn the Tiger Cub Badge. These requirements consist of an exciting series of indoor and outdoor activities just right for a boy in the first grade. After earning the Tiger badge, a Tiger Cub may earn the Bobcat badge.



Bobcat. All boys, regardless of age, earn the Bobcat badge before working on the Wolf, Bear, or Webelos badge, 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 their grade level.



Wolf. The Wolf program is for boys who have completed first grade (or are age 8). To earn the Wolf badge, a boy must pass twelve achievements involving simple physical and mental skills.



Bear. The Bear rank is for boys who have completed second grade (or are age 9). There are 24 Bear achievements in four categories. The Cub Scout must complete 12 of these to earn the Bear badge. These requirements are somewhat more difficult and challenging than those for Wolf rank.



Webelos. This program is for boys who have completed third grade (or are age 10). A boy may begin working on the Webelos badge as soon as he joins a Webelos den. This is the first step in his transition from the Webelos den to the Boy Scout troop.



Arrow of Light. As he completes the requirements found in the Webelos Scout Book, he will work on activity badges, attend meetings led by adults, and become familiar with the Boy Scout requirements—all leading to the Arrow of Light Award.

Activities

Cub Scouting means “doing.” Everything in Cub Scouting is designed to have the boys doing things. Activities are used to achieve the aims of Scouting—citizenship training, character development, and personal fitness.

Many of the activities happen right in the den and pack. The most important are the weekly den meetings and the monthly pack meetings.

Cub Scout Academics and Sports

The Cub Scout Academics and Sports program provides the opportunity for boys to learn new techniques, increase scholarship skills, develop sportsmanship, and have fun. Participation in the program allows boys to be recognized for physical fitness and talent-building activities.



Camping

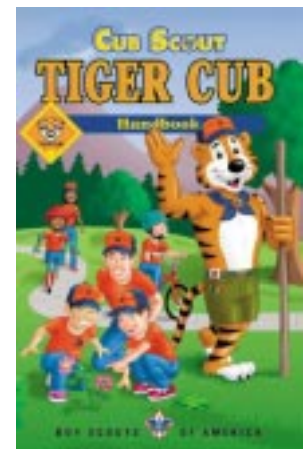


Age-appropriate camping programs are packed with theme-oriented action that brings Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, and Webelos Scouts into outdoors. Day camping comes to the boy at Allen Point Park and other neighborhoods across the council; resident camping is a six-day experience for Webelos Scouts at Goshen Scout Reservation near Lexington, VA. “Cub Scout Worlds” are used to carry the world of imagination into reality with actual theme structures of castles, forts, ships, etc. The local council

holds several Parent-Son overnight camps each year. Pack 1559 members enjoy camping in council-approved national, state, county, or city parks. Camping programs combine fun and excitement with doing one’s best, getting along with others, and developing an appreciation for ecology and the world of the outdoors.

Publications

Boys may subscribe to *Boys’ Life* magazine (circulation 1.3 million), which is published by the Boy Scouts of America. Also available are a number of Cub Scout publications, including the *Tiger Cub Handbook*, *Wolf Cub Scout Book*, *Bear Cub Scout Book*, *Webelos Scout Book*, *Cub Scout Leader Book*, *Cub Scout Program Helps*, and *Webelos Leader Guide*.



Cub Scouting Ideals

Apart from the fun and excitement of Cub Scout activities, a number of ideals are expressed in the day-to-day life of the boy and his leaders.

Cub Scout Promise

I, (name), promise to do my best
To do my duty to God and my country,
To help other people, and
To obey the Law of the Pack.

Cub Scout Motto

Do Your Best.

Tiger Cub Motto

Search, Discover, Share.

Law of the Pack

The Cub Scout follows Akela.
The Cub Scout helps the Pack go.
The Pack helps the Cub Scout grow.
The Cub Scout gives goodwill.

Colors

The Cub Scout colors are blue and gold. The blue stands for truth and spirituality, steadfast loyalty, and the sky above. The gold stands for warm sunlight, good cheer, and happiness. Together, they symbolize what Cub Scouting is all about.

Parent's Pledge

I promise to do my best,
to help my son be a good Cub Scout,
to encourage him to live the Cub Scout Promise,
and obey the Law of the Pack.
I promise to do my best,
To help him earn Achievements, Electives, Activity Badges, and advance in Rank,
To cooperate with his Den Leader, the Cubmaster, and Pack Committee, and
To actively participate in the Cub Scout Program.



Uniform

The Pack 1559 suggested uniform include shirt, pants, cap, neckerchief and slide, belt, patches, and book. This costs about \$70.00. One way to reduce the cost of the uniform is to check consignment shops or online auction sites such as E-bay. We will establish a uniform exchange at the next Pack meeting to help uniform the boys. Because official pants are costly, Pack 1559 allows boys to wear either blue jean or dark blue pants with the blue uniform and blue jeans or dark green pants with the tan uniform.

Pack 1559 strongly encourages membership by all neighborhood families regardless of their ability to pay. Please see the Cubmaster or Committee Chairman if you need financial assistance.



Pack 1559

My son is in Den: _____.

He is working on the program _____ ..

His Den Leader is _____.

His Den meets on _____ at _____.

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Our next Pack meeting is 7:00 pm on September 18, 2002 at Pointer Ridge Elementary School.

The Pack meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm.

Please call Kevin Miller, the Cubmaster, at (301) 390-7668 or e-mail him at cubmaster1559@covad.net if you have any questions.

The Pack's Home Page is: <http://www.cubpacks.org/md/cs/1559/default.htm>



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