



Welcome to Cub Scouts!

Dear Parents,

Welcome to **Cub Scout Pack 29!** We are pleased you have made the choice to have your son join scouting and we look forward to watching him grow with us. Hopefully the next few years will be exciting for both you and your Cub Scout.

This handbook is designed to provide you with as much information as possible to get you started with Pack 29 and Cub Scouting. However, we know you will definitely have questions beyond the scope of this introductory document. These could be as simple as "When is the pack meeting?" or they could require a little more discussion. In either case, the best place to start looking for answers is our pack web site www.BSA-pack29.org. Posted on our site is an up-to-date pack calendar, in depth discussion of our program, FAQ's about scouting, and links to common on-line resources. If your questions relate to specific den activities, your Den Leader is the best source for the correct answer. Any question related to pack administration may be addressed to any member of the pack leadership team.

We realize there are many different activities in which your son could choose to participate. We also understand that Scouting requires a different level of commitment from *both* the family and the child than many other programs; we strive to make your choice fun for all of you.

Yours in Scouting,

Steve Hudson

Cubmaster, Pack 29

Why Join Cub Scouts?

Every parent understands the value of spending personal time with his or her children. Yet in our demanding, fast-paced society, we often find ourselves looking back at missed opportunities. More than any other youth program available today, Cub Scouting supports parent and son relationships in ways that result in memories of time well spent together.

The Cub Scout program is uniquely designed to meet the needs of young boys and their parents. Cub Scouting meets these needs by offering fun and challenging experiences that boys and parents do together.

Such experiences range from learning how to put up a tent, swim, properly care for animals, to using hand tools to complete small projects. In a study by Louis Harris & Associates of New York, at least 90 percent of parents of Cub Scouts say that because of Cub Scouting, they share time with their sons by working on projects together, going places together, and talking together.

These experiences are truly *time* well spent. If such interactions are not made priorities, valuable avenues for a parent to demonstrate love and commitment are lost. Young boys recognize that the priorities of parents are expressed in how parents spend their time.

While every parent wants his or her son to have fun experiences in their childhood, fun alone is not enough. Young boys need safe environments and activities that promote strong values and character. These are the elements that families strive to provide and that Cub Scouting supports.

In short... You and your son should join Cub Scouts because it is unique among the wide variety of activities in which your child may participate.

**Cub Scouting offers the only activity
available that parents and children
participate in together!**

Mission

Our mission is to deliver to the boys and their families in the greater Newark / Hockessin / Wilmington area the Cub Scout Program developed by the Boy Scouts of America. We will do our best to deliver the highest quality program possible.

Vision

We will offer a high quality program to all boys in grades one through five. Our sons will advance in rank each year, beginning with Tiger Cubs and continuing through the Arrow of Light in fifth grade. We will encourage our boys to continue the fun, adventure and development of Scouting by graduating into a Boy Scout Troop. We hope each of our Scouts will continue to advance in the Scouting program, not because of the badge of rank they will earn but because of what they will learn about themselves, their families, others, God and their country.

Who Are We?

Pack 29 is a part of the Boy Scouts of America's program chartered by Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church for boys not yet old enough to be Boy Scouts. This program is uniquely suited for boys between the ages of 6 and 11 years old. At Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church's Cub Scout Pack 29, all boys in the first through fifth grade are welcome to join!

Who Can Join Pack 29?

Any boy entering the first through fifth grade can join. All you need is a sense of adventure and a desire to make new friends, learn about yourself, and like having fun! Pack 29 draws boys from the Greenville/Hockessin/Wilmington area.

Who Runs Pack 29?

Parent volunteers with supervision and support from Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church run Pack 29. Naturally, we are always looking for parent volunteers! No prior experience necessary! Don't worry if you have never done anything like this before - it's fun! Leaders get to know a wonderful collection of folks with common interest, and there are plenty of other parents around to help out and provide a support network for you! If you are interested be sure to let any of the pack leaders know!

Values

As a Cub Scout, you do your best and you help others. You learn the Scout Oath and the Scout Law. You also learn what they mean.

The 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.

The Scout Law

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly,
courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty,
brave, clean, and reverent.

Our Scouts, families, adult leaders and volunteers work together to teach these values by:

- ❖ Influencing each Scout's character development and spiritual growth
- ❖ Developing habits and attitudes of good citizenship
- ❖ Encouraging good sportsmanship and pride in growing strong in mind and body
- ❖ Improving understanding and communication within the family
- ❖ Strengthening skills in getting along with and respecting others
- ❖ Fostering a sense of personal achievement by developing new interests and skills
- ❖ Providing fun and exciting things to do
- ❖ Showing each Scout how to "do your best"
- ❖ Preparing each Cub Scout to become a Boy Scout



*In an effort to keep our children healthy and safe, alcohol is **prohibited** at all Cub Scout functions. Smoking is only allowed in designated areas and out of sight of the Cub Scouts.

General Information

Advancement

In Cub Scouts, the rank a boy is eligible for is determined by the grade in school with the exception of the Bobcat rank. During the course of the year, many of the den meetings will involve activities that will count toward rank advancement. However, parents should not expect that attending all den meetings will result in rank achievement. It is not possible for all achievements to be completed in a den setting.

We want our scouts to take responsibility for their own promotion, but it is ultimately the parent's responsibility to ensure their son has completed the necessary requirements for advancement.

Once a boy has passed to the next grade he cannot go back and earn a prior rank. The normal progression goes as follows:

Kindergarten – Lions *This is a new pilot program
1st Grade Tiger
2nd Grade Wolf
3rd Grade Bear
4th & 5th Grade Webelos and Arrow of Light

The Bobcat rank may be earned from 1st grade forward once a Cub Scout has completed the Bobcat trail. It is the only badge that may be earned at any time during your Cub Scout's tenure. The following is a description of each level of Cub Scouting.

Lion Scouts BSA

Lion Scouts is a Boy Scouts of America pilot program that is designed to introduce kindergarten-age boys and their families to the fun of Scouting. Lions must be 5 years old by September 30 to participate. Lions will meet once a month in a den setting and once a month participate in a Den outing. Lions are encouraged to join the Pack at our monthly pack meeting and various Pack events and activities.

Tiger Scouts BSA

Tiger Scouts is a simple and fun program for first-grade or age 7 boys and their families.

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 the adventure loop for that adventure, which he can wear on his belt. When the boy has completed the seven required adventures, he can receive the Tiger badge

After he has earned the Tiger badge, a Tiger Scout can work on the remaining 12 Tiger electives until he finishes first grade (or turn 8 years old). He can choose elective adventures that may show him new hobbies and teach him skills that will be useful during his Boy Scout years. When he completes an elective adventure, he receives an additional adventure loop to wear on his belt.

Cub Scouts – Wolf

The founder of Scouting, Sir Robert Baden-Powell of England, based his ideas for Cub Scouts on a Rudyard Kipling book called *Mowgli's Brothers*. The story is part of Kipling's Jungle Books series and is set in India.

In the story, a young boy is separated from his family when a tiger named Shere Khan attacks his village. A family of wolves finds him and raises him. When the boy grows older, the family asks Akela, the great leader of the wolf pack, if he may join the pack. The pack council allows him to join so that they can protect him from Shere Khan and other dangers in the jungle.

The Wolf rank is for boys who have finished first grade (or who are 8 years old). To earn the Wolf badge, a boy must complete six required adventures and one elective adventure. His parent or guardian and den leader approves each requirement by signing his book, and the boy receives an adventure loop for each adventure. When the boy has met all requirements, the Wolf badge is presented to his parent or guardian at the next pack meeting. After he has earned the Wolf badge, a Wolf Scout can work on the remaining 12 Wolf electives until he finishes second grade (or turns 9 years old). When he completes an elective adventure, he receives an additional adventure loop to wear on his belt.

Cub Scouts – Bear

In the story of *Mowgli's Brothers*, the young boy named Mowgli is brought before the Wolf pack council for a decision on whether he may join the pack. Akela the leader asks whether anyone will speak for the man cub. Baloo the bear, who teaches the wolf cubs the law of the pack, says that he will. As he grows older, Baloo teaches Mowgli the law of the pack and the secret words that let him talk to the jungle animals.

The Bear rank is for boys who have finished second grade (or who are 9 years old). To earn the Bear badge, a boy must complete six required adventures and one elective adventure. His parent or guardian and den leader approves each requirement by signing his book, and the boy receives an adventure loop for each adventure. When the boy has met all requirements, the Bear badge is presented to his parent or guardian at the next pack meeting.

After he has earned the Bear badge, a Bear Scout can work on the remaining 12 Bear electives until he finishes third grade (or turn 10 years old). He can choose elective adventures that may show him new hobbies and teach him skills that will be useful during his Boy Scout years. When he completes an elective adventure, he receives an additional adventure loop to wear on his belt.

Webelos

The Webelos program emphasizes more independent work and individual responsibility on the part of each Scout.

Webelos patrols are for boys who have completed third grade (or reached age 10). Webelos Scouts get to 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.

When a boy has done the requirements for an adventure, the Webelos den leader, rather than a parent, approves most of the adventures. 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, a Scout can receive the Webelos badge.

After he has earned 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). He can choose elective adventures that may show him new hobbies and teach him skills that will be useful during his Boy Scout years. When he completes an elective adventure, he receives an additional adventure pin to wear on the Webelos colors or on his hat.

Arrow of Light

The highest rank in Cub Scouting is the Arrow of Light. Earning this rank prepares 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.

The Arrow of Light badge is the only Cub Scout badge that can be worn on the Boy Scout uniform when a boy graduates into a troop. Adult leaders who earned the Arrow of Light rank when they were young may also show their achievement by wearing a special square knot on their adult uniform.

What is the Time Commitment?

Our program is designed for maximum flexibility and with the understanding that many parents work and that children also have other commitments to both school and activities.

Pack Activities:

We plan our program to have one pack meeting per month. This is where the boys show off to their parents, siblings, and to the other boys in the Pack what they have been doing during the month, and to receive any advancement or recognition awards they may have earned. The den meetings and pack meeting are based on a monthly "theme." The pack meeting is like a party with games, skits, and songs, combined with an awards ceremony. The Cubmaster is in charge of the Pack meetings.

Most months, there will be an additional weekend event, field trip, or some other District / Council sponsored event.

Den Activities:

Boys are divided into "Dens" by grade: First graders are known as 'Tiger Cubs,' second graders are 'Wolves,' third graders are 'Bears,' and fourth and fifth graders are known as 'Webelos.'

Cub Scouts and Webelos meet on a weekly basis in "Den" meetings and once a month at a "Pack" meeting. There are two types of Cub Scout meetings. Each den will have one or two registered leaders and 6 to 12 boys, with 8 being the optimum number ("Eight is great!").

Each Den schedules it's own meetings. Schedules are usually coordinated between the families comprising the den to permit maximum attendance. Dens will generally meet weekly. The Den meetings last roughly an hour but give us about 15 minutes to clean up.

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When do we meet?

Day: Mondays

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Room: Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church (RRCPC)

Please enter through door in Fellowship Hall downstairs

Pack 29 Uniform Requirements

Pack 29 requires that each scout wear a uniform. Listed below is the minimum uniform requirement for each rank. We don't require official scout pants / socks, but recommend that solid colored pants or shorts that match the uniform shirt are worn. Many parents purchase the shirt, neckerchief and maybe the cap at the beginning of the school year, and then add other items such as uniform pants, belt, etc. as Christmas or birthday presents. (This is a great idea for grandparents!)

Note: Wearing a uniform is especially important for Pack meetings. We will not present an advancement award to a boy who is not in uniform!

Pack 29 Uniform:

The Pack 29 uniform is to be worn by scouts to all official scouting functions. This would include Den Meetings, Pack Meetings, and specifically identified Pack events. Scouts are encouraged to wear their uniform to school on those days where they will be attending a pack event.

Scouts should remember that they are representing the Cub Scouts and our pack whenever they wear their uniform. A neat and tidy appearance showing the proper respect for their uniform is required at all times.

Where do I get the things I need?

Scout Shop: Wilmington Scout Shop
Address: 912 Justison Street Wilmington, DE 19801
(Riverfront Shipyard Shop Area near Blue Rocks Stadium – Next to Planet Fitness)
Telephone: (302) 622-9120
Store hours:
Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Wed 8:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
Sat 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Sun Closed

Tiger Cub Uniform: (Tigers - First graders)



Tiger Hat



Cub Shirt*



Tiger Belt **



Tiger Handbook
Pack provides this



Tiger Slide



Tiger Neckerchief



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Council Patch

* Note: Cub Shirts may be either long or short sleeve at the discretion of the scout. Official Cub Scout pants are optional.

** Note: Belts **are** required, but parents can optionally decide to purchase either a Tiger belt or a Cub belt, which could be used for several years.

*** Official Scout Pants are optional.

Wolf Uniform:

(Bobcat, Wolf - Second Graders)



Wolf Hat



Cub Shirt*



Cub Belt



Cub Pants**



Cub Slide



Wolf Neckerchief



Wolf Handbook
(Pack Provides this)



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Council Patch

*Note: Cub Shirts may be either long or short sleeve at the discretion of the scout.
**Official Cub Scout pants are optional.

Bear Uniform:

(Bobcat, Bear - Third Graders)



Bear Hat



Cub Shirt*



Cub Belt



Cub Pants**



Cub Slide



Bear Neckerchief



Bear Handbook
(Pack Provides this)



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Council Patch

*Note: Cub Shirts may be either long or short sleeve at the discretion of the scout.
**Official Cub Scout pants are optional.

Webelos Uniform:

(Fourth & Fifth Graders – This uniform change should happen by their 2nd year of Webelos)



Webelos Hat



Boy Scout Shirt*



Cub or Boy Scout Belt**



Boy Scout Pants



Slide



Webelos Neckerchief



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Council Patch

* Note: This new shirt should be purchased to replace the Cub Shirt by the 2nd year of Webelos. Boy Scout Shirts may be either long or short sleeve at the discretion of the scout. Official Cub Scout pants are optional, but many Boy Scout Troops require them.

** Note: The Boy Scout belt is too large for Belt loops, but will likely be a required part of the uniform in the Boy Scout Troop.

How Much Does it Cost to Join?

Annual Pack 29 membership for the 2016/2017 activity year will be \$55 for Lion Scouts \$75 for returning Cub Scouts, \$85 for newly registering Cub Scouts.

What the membership fee covers:

- Scout registration
- Scout insurance
- Year Subscription to Boys Life arrives Feb after fall registration
- Some Activity awards and pins (most are covered by fundraising)
- Den handbook (Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos handbooks)

Fundraising Covers:

- Pinewood Derby cars and awards
- Activity trophies, patches and awards
- Activities throughout the year

* Cub Scout leaders are required to join the Cub Scouts as well as the boys.

Note: A detailed itemization of Pack 29 expenses on a per child basis is available for those parents interested.

What doesn't the membership fee cover?

- The fee does not cover uniform costs, with the exception of the Lions.
- Specific Pack activities and events
 - Pack events. We may charge a nominal amount to pay for food at the Blue and Gold dinner and Pack Picnic.
 - Specific pack event. Example: Sleep outs, camping, museum visits etc. will be charged based on a per scout basis based on the total event cost.

Some comments about the cost:

First, we are 100% self-supporting and do not receive funds from any other source but our members. We have held one pack-wide fundraiser each year which is selling popcorn.

Second, we keep our expenses as low as possible and permit parents to self select activities their Cub Scout is most interested in throughout the year.

Questions? Pack 29 is online!

We're located at <http://www.BSA-pack29.org>.

On our site you will always be able to find the latest schedule...

<http://www.bsa-pack29.org/calendars/index.html>

...and lots of other important scouting information.

We are also on Facebook! Look up

<https://www.facebook.com/bsacubscoutpack29>

Follow us on Twitter <https://twitter.com/BSAPack29>

2016/2017 Pack Leadership

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