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		# ordered			Total Cost
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	Adult Med		\$6.00		
	Adult Lg		\$6.00		
	XL		\$6.00		
	2X		\$7.50		
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Make checks payable to : Pack 831

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Den: \_\_\_\_\_

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# WELCOME TO Cub Scouts!!!

**A Guidebook for New Cub Scouts  
and their Parents**

Brought to you by Pack 831

In this booklet, we intend to:

- ◆ Inform Parents and Boys about Cub Scouts
- ◆ Explain Parent involvement
- ◆ Explain the basics of Scouting
- ◆ Provide the information you need to help you be an asset to our Pack.



# Welcome to Cub Scouts

Welcome to Pack 831! You have chosen a GREAT Pack! We have planned an exciting and fun filled year. It will be up to you and your son to work together to accomplish as much as you want. This is a family oriented program.

As a Cub, you will participate in field trips, pack meetings, den meetings, camping and so much more. We do our best to include the whole family in many of our events.

Our goal is to help each scout to complete the requirements for his advancement and have a great time doing so

Cub Scouts is for boys in grades 1 -5 and parents. It is important that the boy participates with a caring, loving adult.

Many activities are designed to involve the whole family, though some events will be only for the Cubs.

Boys are assigned to a Den, based on their grade and age. The Den is part of a Cub Scout Pack. The den meets two to three times monthly and in addition, attends the monthly Cub Scout pack meeting.

# Parent Talent Survey

Welcome to the Cub Scout Family of our Pack 831. Scouting is as much for boys as it is for parents. We have a great group of parents and we invite you to add your talents to help us offer the best possible program for the boys. Please tell us a little about your family interests and resources.

Parent or Guardian #1  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I can play and/or teach these sports:  
\_\_\_\_\_

I work for: \_\_\_\_\_  
As a: \_\_\_\_\_

I am willing to help out as:  
A leader  
On a committee  
As needed

I have access to:  
A van  
A truck  
Camping Gear

I have contacts at:  
A Fire Dept.  
A Radio or TV Station  
A restaurant  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian #2  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I can play and/or teach these sports:  
\_\_\_\_\_

I work for: \_\_\_\_\_  
As a: \_\_\_\_\_

I am willing to help out as:  
A leader  
On a committee  
As needed

I have access to:  
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A Fire Dept.  
A Radio or TV Station  
A restaurant  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Sign Up Checklist

- Attend Round Up Event
- Pick up Booklet
- Fill out Application Front & Back
- Turn in Application & \$25 fee
- Complete Parent Talent Survey
- Complete Uniform Order Form
- Attend Parent Orientation Program
- Turn in Talent Survey
- Turn in Uniform Order
- Pick up Cub Handbook
- Pick up Hat & Car kit

## Objectives of Cub Scouts

- ⇒ With your boy have fun and learn new things
- ⇒ Involve other family members in many of the activities
- ⇒ Teach your boy many of the ideals of Boy Scouting:
  - Reverence for God
  - Love of Country
  - Love of family and others
  - Personal Development

Through Cub Scouts you and your boy will learn about the Scouting program.

## What will Cubs Cost?

The Cub Scout registration fee **cost \$25/ twice a year** (Sept. & Jan.)

### Registration includes:

- |                    |         |
|--------------------|---------|
| • Pack Dues of     | \$25.00 |
| • Cub Handbook     | \$ 5.00 |
| • Registration Fee | \$13.00 |
| • Insurance        | \$ 2.00 |
| • Recognition      | \$ 5.00 |

### Optional item:

Boys' Life Magazine \$13.00/year

We do a Popcorn fundraiser to minimize the amount of other costs each year.

### UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Boys need a Class A & Class B uniform. The set costs \$25 from us or \$38 new.

## Cub Scout Motto

The motto of Cub Scouting is “DO YOUR BEST.”

The program is full of excitement and fun. But underlying all of the fun and action are the goals of building self-esteem and confidence.

## Cub Scout Promise

“I PROMISE do my best, to do my duty, to God and my country. To help other people and to obey the Law of the Pack.”

Your boy is old enough to understand a promise and the responsibilities it carries. But he needs your help and support when he feels he is unable or doesn't want to live up to it.

## How Cub Scouting Works

### The Den

Each Cub and his parents are considered a team, and five to eight Cub teams form a Den. A Cub den leader works each month to plan the den meetings, assign goals each month and will help plan and practice the den's part in the pack meeting.

The Cub den should be actively involved in the pack meeting. The den leader should coordinate with the Cubmaster to determine what part the Cub's den will play in the pack meeting. The den may prepare a simple song or skit, and boys should be awarded their advancement recognition at pack meetings.

## Pack Contact Information

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### **Bear Leader**

Vince Mastandrea 412-276-8178

### **Wolf Leader**

Tracie Warrick 412-608-7739  
Leslie Hartle 412-276-1618

**Tiger Facilitator**—Bridget VanDorn

## Council Contact Information

**District Executive**—Jim Douglas 412-471-2927

**Scout Shop**—412-642-7695

**Charter Representative**—David Hiles 412-344-4439

## Pack Communication

Pack 831 has a Web site with lots of information. See [www.pack831.org](http://www.pack831.org)

Our Pack encourages e-mail use and is putting together a pack e-mail list. All Cub parents are encouraged to be on this Pack list. Our Pack has a monthly newsletter that will provide details on upcoming events, a Pack Meeting Duty List, and other important information on our Scouting Program for the year.

For getting information to the Cub Families, we will mostly use e-mail. If you do not have a computer or don't have access to e-mail, please let the Cubmaster know.

## Pack Calendar

The Pack Calendar includes the dates and locations for an entire year of scouting. Our year runs from August to July.

These dates are not set in stone, however they do coordinate with the school schedules and pack activities. All the den meetings are set for Sunday evening since this has worked well in the past. There are exceptions to this rule, please see the calendar.

Each den meeting will include a snack and each den will set up a schedule for this.

If we complete the den meetings as shown on the schedule, all the scouts should have completed the badge requirements by the April Pack Meeting for advancement.

If a scout misses a den meeting, then he simply needs to work on those achievements at home or a later den meeting.

## The Cub Scout Pack

The Pack is made up of several Dens. Together, they form a Pack. The pack meets once per month with all dens and their families attending.

The pack is led by the Cubmaster and a committee of den leaders and other parents.

Pack meetings have games, songs, skits, ceremonies and presentations of badges and beads earned by the boys during the past month.

The pack is "owned" by a chartered partner. The chartered partner is usually a school, parent association, religious organization, service club or other organizations interested in helping youth.

Our chartered partner is **St. John's Lutheran Church.**



## Who's Who in a Pack

Each Pack has several important positions, filled by volunteers that make the Pack go. The level of parent involvement will directly impact the success of the program.

Here are some of the terms and positions you should be familiar with as you begin your journey through scouting.

Akela: A name given for a parent, a teacher, a Cub Scout leader, or other role model. (In the "jungle-book" story, Akela is the leader of the pack).

Cubmaster: Leader of the entire Pack; responsible for the program; coordinates the Pack Committee and keeps everyone on track. Primary Representative for the Pack.

Pack Committee: Supervises the Pack and accomplishes administrative tasks.

Pack Committee Chairman: Person in charge of the pack committee.

Chartered organization: Each Cub Scout pack is sponsored by some organization. Ours is St. John's Lutheran Church.

Chartered organization representative: the liaison between the chartered organization and the Pack.

## Den Duties

### **Cubmaster :**

1. Organize the boys into Dens. Provide the overall planning (suggestions) for the year.
2. Attend the Pack 831 Den Leader meetings.
3. Pass on information about Pack events to the Den Leaders.
4. Submit Advancement forms.

### **Den Leader:**

1. Set up an introduction meeting with the Parents and Cubs.
2. Pass information to the Den members.
3. Coordinate the Den Meetings and outings.
4. Pass out and collect forms for Pack events.
5. Track the Achievements and Electives.
6. Hand out recognition items
7. See that the Achievements are met by no later than March 15th.

### **Parents** (adult who attends meetings and outings with Cubs):

1. Attend introduction meeting.
2. Pick one month to help with Den Meetings and a monthly outing. Ask Den Leader for suggestions and possible activities that will count toward requirements.
3. Read through Cub handbook with your son, sign off as "Akela" on Requirements and Electives completed.
4. Focus on Achievements (target to complete by March 15).
5. Actively participate each month with your son in the Den and Pack activities. (Note that some activities may be opened for the entire family to attend.)
6. Sign up for snacks for one month at Den Meetings.

### **Cubs:**

1. Attend as many meetings as possible with your Parents.
2. Wear your Cub uniform proudly and respectfully.
3. Have fun while you Do your Best.

## Tips for a FANTASTIC Year of Scouting

1. Do your best to attend all meetings and activities. We know you may have to miss some, but the more you can make, the more fun you will have!
2. Review the Cub Handbook right after you receive it to familiarize yourself with the achievements and electives for the year. Sign off on any that have been completed within the past two (2) months.
3. Work with your son to complete achievements and electives each month. Report all completed items to your Den Leader.
4. At each meeting the Den Leader will present information on the next upcoming outing or activity, but read your newsletter for all details.
5. While the family may be invited to special outings like a trip to the zoo, only the Cub and one partner should attend the regular den meetings. This keeps it special for the boy. There is a playroom for siblings.
6. In February, be sure to attend the pack's Cake Bake. This is a great opportunity to meet the families of all Cub Scouts in the pack.
7. In April, Cubs graduate into the next level of scouting at the Blue & Gold Banquet. They can then start working on their next Cub Scout Book.
8. Summer is the perfect time to work on the outdoor achievements.
9. If you have questions about the den's next meeting or about the program in general, contact your Den Leader or Cubmaster.
10. If you are interested in helping with any event or as a volunteer, please let the Cubmaster know.

Den leader: An adult in charge of a den.

Den chief: An older Boy Scout who helps to lead a den.

Denner: One of the cubs scouts elected by his den to help the den leader and den chief.

You: Current or future den or assistant den leader or Pack Committee member. Parents are also needed to volunteer to coordinate or help with outdoor activities or special events.

District: made up of several Packs, the district coordinates events, training, support and education for Pack leaders. Our district is the Frontier District. They offer special Day Camp, Fall Frenzy and Thing in the Spring events for our scouts. They also offer a special district Pinewood Derby for the winners of the Pack Derby. There is a District Executive assigned to oversee all of the packs in a district. Jim Douglas is our D.E.

Council: Several Districts make up a Council. The Council is responsible for managing various camping facilities and a scout shop, coordinating large areas of scouts, handling paperwork for the national organization and offering training opportunities and support for leaders. We belong to the Greater Pittsburgh Council.

# Program Specifics

## Levels of Scouting

Boys progress through levels of scouting. They are assigned to a den when they begin scouting based on their grade level. Ideally they will begin in first grade and progress through all 5 levels of Cub Scouts, but boys are welcome to join at any level and they will always find age appropriate activities designed just for them.

Grade 1—Tigers

Grade—2 Wolves

Grade 3—Bears

Grades 4 & 5—Webelos

## Materials

The Cub Handbook is the basic manual for Cubs and their partners. Each level of scouting has its own handbook. This book contains all of the requirements and electives for the Den Program. It also contains suggestions for family activities between meetings.

The Cub Handbooks cost \$5.00.

## Recognition

Boys are recognized for their achievements in Scouts. All boys can participate and all boys can succeed. From Sept. to March the boys will work on the requirements for their badge Achievements from their handbook to earn their Tiger, Wolf, Bear or Webelos Badge. The Den Meetings will focus on the requirements for the badge and may also cover some Electives that will count toward earning other awards called Arrow Points. We usually try to have all Achievements completed by Feb. and then work on Electives through April. The boys are promoted to the next den level at the end of April when they begin working toward their next level of scouting.

Please note that many of the activities can and should be done at home or with a parent/family. You are free to work on others as long as you follow the requirements outlined in your book.

## ARROW POINTS for Wolves and Bears

At anytime Cubs can work on the Electives that will count toward Arrow Points. However, they will not receive the Arrow Points until the Wolf or Bear Badge is earned. Also if Electives were covered over the summer, you may sign off on them. The Adult Partners should work on the Electives with their sons.

Boys may earn one Arrow Point when he completes ten (10) electives. A boy can earn a total of 10 Arrow Points as a Wolf and 10 more as a Bear.

## BOBCAT BADGE

All scouts must earn the Bobcat badge before they can proceed with any other level of scouting. This teaches the basics of scouting. They boys learn the motto, salute, handshake, sign, law of the pack and promise. These are things they will need at all levels of scouting.

## PATCHES

Boys will earn small patches when they attend the different Pack events and activities. Parents should save these patches. When the boys complete their Bobcat, they will get a red vest and all the patches can be put on the vest. The new scouts will see the older Cub Scouts wearing their red "brag" vests at the Pack meetings and will be very eager to start collecting patches for their own vest.

## UNIFORMS

All Cubs wear the official blue **Class A uniform** shirt with the appropriate neckerchief and slide. These uniform shirts can be purchased from your nearest Scout Distributor or through the Pack Trading Post. Also available are Cub hats and belts. Cubs should wear blue shorts or pants with their uniform.

Cubs can also wear the **Class B Uniform** T-shirt with the Pack number and logo. This shirt is worn for picnics, some outings, fishing, camping, etc. This shirt costs \$5 and must be ordered in September. The Pack will decide as a group which uniform to use for various activities.