

Cub Scout Pack 360 Handbook



Welcome to Cub Scout Pack 360

Pack 360 is sponsored by the Marshfield Area Catholic Schools Home and School Association. The Pack leader's roster is provided below. For up-to-date Pack information, check out our website: www.scoutpack360.org .

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Committee Co-Chair	Dawn Derfus	676-2825
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Webelos I Den Leader	Marcy Gotz	389-1227
Bears Den Leader	Chuck Payant	384-9576
Wolves Den Leader	Don Sebastian	384-4545
Tiger Den Leader		
Treasurer	Jim Nystrom	387-0576
Secretary	Marcy Gotz	389-1227
Popcorn Kernel	Don Nielsen	384-3470
Advancement Coordinator	Eugene Werner	387-4348
Web Page Coordinator	Aaron Guenloh	389-1381
Chuckwagon Coordinator	Don Nielsen	384-3470
Pinewood Derby Coordinator	Greg Urban	387-8151
Summer Camp Coordinator	Dawn Derfus	676-2825
Web Page Coordinator	Aaron Gruenloh	389-1381

The Aims of Scouting

Character development, citizenship training, and mental and physical fitness

The Methods of Scouting

Cub Scouting

Boys grades 1-5



The ideals
Den
Advancement
Family Involvement
Activities
Home- and neighborhood-centered
Uniform
Character Connections

Boy Scouting

Boys ages 11-18



The ideals
Patrol
Advancement
Adult association
Outdoors
Personal growth

Uniform
Leadership

Venturing

Young men and women
ages 14-20



The ideals
Group activities
Recognition
Adult association
High adventure
Teaching others

Leadership

Meetings

Den Meetings are conducted by the den leader and will generally occur once a month. The time and place are at the leader's discretion. Parent participation at den meetings is required for Tiger Cubs, and expected, when possible, at older Cub Scout den meetings. There are approximately 5-8 boys in each den.

Pack Meetings include boys from all the dens and are held once a month. Families are asked to attend so that they may see what their Scout has accomplished and to obtain information about upcoming events. However, if you are unable to attend, please notify your Den leader. Scouts are asked to sign an attendance sheet prior to the beginning of the meeting.

Parent Meetings are held once a month, this group is responsible for managing the Pack's budget, implementing Scout policies and planning all Pack activities. All parents are strongly encouraged to attend.

Family Involvement

Family involvement is vital for a fun and successful Scouting experience. Families (not limited to parents), are invited to attend monthly pack meetings. It is also expected that families will participate in fund raising and service projects. There are many tasks required throughout the year. Some are short term while others last all year. Please share your time and talents to contribute to the success your son's Scouting.

In Scouting, there is an emphasis on the family, but many of the Den and Pack activities are specifically for the Scouts. In some events prizes for and participation by siblings will not be possible due to the large number of Scouts in the Pack and the importance of boys experiencing Scouting at an appropriate age.

Pack Meeting Etiquette

Appreciation of other dens' activities and other Scouts' awards through attention and applause is encouraged at Pack meetings. We ask all parents attending meetings to sit with their child's den and help the den leaders by maintaining a respectful and attentive atmosphere during the meeting.

Awards/Advancement

Families should work on achievements with their Scout(s). Some achievements have mandatory requirements that must be done with the family. Others may be done as den or pack activities. As a rule, the requirements for Webelos Activity Pins must be approved/ passed by the Webelos leader only -- not the parents. This is in preparation for what the Scout will experience when he enters Boy Scouting.

Den leaders will turn in advancement forms to the Awards Coordinator (at Parents Meetings) two weeks prior to the Pack meeting when a Scout has advanced a rank. Advancement beads, patches, and plaques as well other service, sports, and/or activity awards will be given out during the Pack meetings.

Tiger Cubs

The Tigers Cubs is open to boys age 7, or first grade, and meet once a month in their group. An adult Tiger Partner (not necessarily a parent) always accompanies a Tiger Cub for any Scouting activity. Tiger Cubs are a separate den of the Pack (although not assigned a den number) and are encouraged to attend all Pack meetings and participate in all Pack activities. Tiger Cubs are awarded beads of recognition for participation in Tiger Cub activities.

Cross Over

Cross Over is the ceremony of advancing from Cub Scouting to Boy Scouting. To facilitate smoother unit registration procedures, Webelos II will cross over in February at our Blue and Gold Banquet.

Spring Graduation

During the last pack meeting of the year, ceremonies are held to celebrate the Tigers moving on to Wolves, Wolves becoming Bears, and the Bears beginning their first year as Webelos Scouts.

Service Projects

The community does a lot to support Scouting through donations, United Way contributions, advertisements, etc. "Service to the Community" in return is built into both Cub and Boy Scouting. In addition to various den service projects throughout the year, Pack 360's annual service projects include:

- *Food for Our Furry Friends* - Scouts and their families are asked to donate dog and/ or cat food and cat litter to the local Humane Society at a spring Pack meeting.
- *Scouting for Food*- In April, Scouts throughout the district participate in this activity. Two Saturdays are devoted to distributing and collecting food bags in the Marshfield area. This project is divided among the dens so that a Scout should not have to work both Saturdays.

Fundraising

Pack 360 strives to pay for all/part of the Pack's activities, which include summer camp "credits" for each Scout. In order for the Pack to do this, it is necessary for all Scouts and their families to participate in fund raising. If unsuccessful, families will have to pay for these activities. *In the case of Webelos II Scouts who cross over into Boy Scouting in February, the Parents' Committee has established a policy for the distributing those credits so that they may be used for the boy's first year at Boy Scout summer camp.*

In recent years, the Pack has been successful in raising nearly all of our operating expenses by focusing our energy on two main fundraising events - a birdseed sale and the BSA popcorn sale. Please help us out in any way you can during these events. It has been very satisfying to be able to limit our efforts to the very beginning of the year and be able to "coast" our way through the remainder, knowing that we are financially sound and will be able to limit the costs for summer camp for each Scout!

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.



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 meaning of "WEBELOS". After receiving the Bobcat Badge, the boys work on requirements based on their grade level.



Wolf

A Cub Scout who has completed first grade (or is age 8) works on twelve achievements to earn the Wolf Badge. After he earns his Wolf 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 ten electives he completes, the boy earns an Arrow Point. The boy may earn as many Arrow Points as he wishes.



Bear

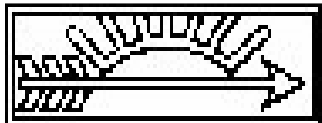
A Cub Scout who has completed the second grade (or is age 9) works to complete twelve of twenty-four achievements to earn the Bear Badge. After he earns his Bear Badge a boy may work on electives in different areas until he is old enough to begin work on the next rank.

For every ten electives he completes, the boy earns an Arrow Point. The boy may earn as many Arrow Points as he wishes.



Webelos

When a Cub Scout has completed the third grade (or is ten years old) he joins a Webelos Den, led by an adult Webelos leader. The boy works on requirements for the Webelos Badge, twenty activity badges and the Arrow of Light Award. The Arrow of Light Award is the highest award in Cub Scouting!



Camping and outdoor programs are an important part of the eighteen-month Webelos program. In February of a Webelos Scout's fifth grade year, he graduates from Cub Scouting into the adventure of Boy Scouting at an impressive graduation ceremony. Every boy deserves an opportunity to be a Boy Scout.

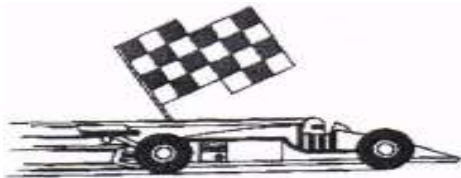
Special Cub Scout Activities

Chuckwagon

Leaders and Parents plan and run “skills stations” that scouts pull their chuckwagons through, learning teamwork and scouting skills along the way. Such skills as fire building, cooking, archery, compass, and others will be mastered as scouts race to the finish line.

Pinewood Derby

Parent and son work together to build a Gravity powered miniature racecar from a special kit. Most packs conduct races annually. Many Packs also choose to do a Raingutter Regatta or Space Derby.



Blue and Gold Banquet

This is a birthday party for Cub Scouting held by your pack, usually in February. Most packs hold some type of dinner and a special program or entertainment is customary.

Scouting for Food

Food drive held each year to benefit local food shelves. Part of a nation-wide program of the Boy Scouts of America to help feed the hungry.



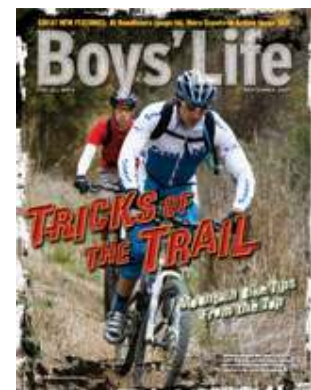
Akela's World Cub Scout Camp

A 72 hour adventure for Cub Scouts at Akela's World Cub Scout Camp. This is an experience with nature, games, archery, BB guns and a campfire program for both the boy and a parent or responsible adult.



Boys' Life Magazine

A magazine for boys and adults. Boys' Life has interesting features on Scouting, sports, hobbies, magic, science and U.S. history. There are also jokes, comics and short stories. Special subscription rate for all Cubs and Scouts of \$9.00 per year.



How Can You Help?

Scouting operates through volunteer leadership. Volunteer leaders are an example of Scouting's principle of service to others. Naturally, parents are the 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 does it take to be a volunteer? A long, rich background of Scouting involvement is NOT required! What is needed is a desire to work with and help young people, a willingness to make time in your weekly schedule and the rest is easy! Lots of resources and training are available and many people will support your efforts.

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.



Leader Position Responsibilities

Committee Chair

Conducts monthly pack leader's meeting to help plan program. Ensures that committee members give adequate support for running the program to the Cubmaster and den leaders. Helps recruit additional leaders as needed. Views Fast Start video with viewer's guide and attends training.

Committee Members

Attend monthly pack leaders' meeting to help plan program and take care of records, finances, advancement, activities, membership, etc. Views Fast Start video with viewer's guide and attend training.

Cubmaster

Conducts monthly pack meeting. Aids den leaders by coordinating monthly program for all leaders. Attends monthly pack leader's meeting. Views Fast Start video with viewer's guide and attends training. Has one or more assistants.

Tiger Cub Den Leader

Meets weekly (ideally) or monthly, (most likely) for about one hour with a den of six to eight boys and their adult partners. Den meeting is held in boys' homes in rotation (or school scout room). For each meeting, the den leader works with the host (which changes each den meeting) Tiger Cub/adult partner pair to plan the meeting. Attends monthly pack leaders' meeting. Views Fast Start video with viewer's guide and attends training. Has parent/adult partners as helpers.

Cub Scout Den Leader

Meets weekly for about one hour with a den of six to eight boys. Den meeting is held in den leader's home, a church, or other suitable place. The den leader determines time, day and location of den meeting that is most convenient for him or her. Attends monthly pack leaders' meeting. Views Fast Start video with viewer's guide and attends training. Has one or more assistants and parent helpers.

Webelos Den Leader

Same as den leader except works with older boys, the Webelos Scouts. Encourages periodic parent/son overnight campouts. Attends monthly pack leaders' meeting. Views Fast Start video with viewer's guide and attends training. Has one or more assistants and parent helpers.

Adult Partners

Attend Tiger Cub den meetings and pack meetings with their Tiger Cubs. When hosting the den meeting, work with the Tiger Cub and the Tiger Cub den leader to plan and lead the meeting. Attend pack meetings with their Tiger Cubs.

Parent Helpers

Assist pack and/or den with specific projects as needed by the leaders. All parents help their sons with advancement. Review individual boy books for Wolf Cub Scouts, Bear Cub Scouts, and Webelos Scouts.