



Cub Scout Pack 48 – FAQ's (Frequently Asked Questions)

What is Cub Scouts?

- Cub Scouts is a family oriented organization that develops character, leadership, communication skills, and good citizenship while boys receive recognition for their efforts and make new friends. Parents and Leaders volunteer their time and talents to work together to provide a wide variety of age-appropriate activities that are tons of fun. You might be interested in knowing that boys in Cub Scouting, on average, do better in school than those boys who are not involved in Cub Scouting. This program brings families closer together while building the necessary skills for life.

The 10 Purposes of Cub Scouting & Cub Scouting's 12 Core Values

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| 1. Character Development | 1. Citizenship | 7. Honesty |
| 2. Spiritual Growth | 2. Compassion | 8. Perseverance |
| 3. Good Citizenship | 3. Cooperation | 9. Positive Attitude |
| 4. Sportsmanship and Fitness | 4. Courage | 10. Resourcefulness |
| 5. Family Understanding | 5. Faith | 11. Respect |
| 6. Respectful Relationships | 6. Health and Fitness | 12. Responsibility |
| 7. Personal Achievement | | |
| 8. Friendly Service | | |
| 9. Fun and Adventure | | |
| 10. Preparation for Boy Scouts | | |

Cub Scouting Teaches your son:

- Confidence through recognition by adults.
- Belonging by building relationships with other boys.
- Quality family time to strengthen the bond between parent and child.
- Social skills through interacting with other people.
- Moral and ethical choices by instilling essential values.
- Leadership skills through leading other boys.
- Citizenship to become responsible community members.

Who can be a Cub Scout?

- Cub Scouting is for boys in first through fifth grade. The first graders are "Tiger Scouts", the second graders are "Wolf Cub Scouts", the third graders are "Bear Cub Scouts", and the fourth and fifth graders are "WEBELOS" (We'll Be Loyal Scouts).

Cub Scout Terminology:

- A Pack is the entire group of first through fifth grade boys in Pack 48 that meets once a month at Prairieview. Our pack has approximately 90 boys.
- A Den is the small age-specific group (8-10 boys) your son will meet with approximate 2-3 times per month in homes or at school.
- The Pack Committee is composed of pack leaders and other interested parents who meet once a month to plan upcoming events.

Who are the Cub Scout Leaders?

- The Pack is led by a Pack Committee Chair, a Cubmaster, Assistant Cubmaster(s), and Committee members.
- Den Leaders are parent volunteers who have taken Youth Protection training and Specific Rank training. Dens are led by 2-3 leaders who are responsible for planning and leading the activities that are age-appropriate and that meet the requirements of the badge and electives. They also sign off on these requirements when they are completed. Participation and Rank Advancement are key parts to Scouting. Parents are strongly encouraged to assist leaders when necessary.

When are the Cub Scout meetings?

- The Pack meets once a month, typically the 3rd Friday night of every month from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Prairieview Gym. Sometimes we meet at Prairieview or Lakeview, and sometimes we meet “off-site” for an activity like Roller Skating.
- Dens typically meet 2-3 times a month in the evening on a day that is agreed upon by the families in the den. Usually, Tigers meet in the evening in the Elizabeth Ide library and older boys meet at Prairieview.
- Tigers (first graders) need a parent to join them at their den meetings. Older boys can go to den meetings on their own or with a parent, depending on what the den decides.

I have other children, can they go to the Cub Scout meetings?

- Family members are always invited to Pack meetings and Pack events.
- Den meetings, however, are limited to the Cub Scout and his parent. It is up to the discretion of the Den Leader and type of activity whether or not family members can be included.

Do I have to go camping if we join Cub Scouts?

- No, but we would love to have you join us! Pack 48 has only 1-2 campouts each year which families and siblings are invited. They are at a local site for a weekend. Breakfasts and dinner Saturday night are provided by Pack 48. In many cases, families come and go throughout the weekend; some stay overnight, some join the activities for a few hours—all are welcome! Each night, there is a campfire (with s'mores!); and each day, there are fun games and activities offered. It would be great to have you join us for even a few hours!

What is the cost for Cub Scouts?

- The 2014 yearly fee is \$70.00 – for the entire year which covers BSA registration, a subscription to “Boys Life” magazine, accident and liability insurance, advancement awards, “Class B” Pack 48 t-shirt as a Tiger, and a small donation to “Friends of Scouting”. *(Checks should be made out to “Pack 48”).*
- Each den may choose to collect a small amount of money from families to help pay for den supplies and outings.
- We currently have one fundraiser a year which is in the fall to sell the infamous popcorn. This one fundraiser helps scouts learn how to interact with people and learn sales techniques. While earning money for the pack, they also may earn prizes for themselves. This fundraiser helps to pay for Pack meeting rentals, guest speakers / entertainment, campsites, additional food, subsidizing the Blue & Gold dinner, Pinewood cars, and any additional awards, and patches.

What will my son need for Cub Scouts?

- “Class A” uniforms are worn at all Pack meetings and most den meetings and outings. He will need an official Cub Scout shirt with insignia (lasts 3-5 years), and the Cub Scout belt, den hat, neckerchief, slide, and the rank book appropriate for his age. They are available for purchase at the Des Plaines Valley Council Scout Shop in LaGrange. (See Uniform Info sheet.)

The address is: 811 Hillgrove Avenue, LaGrange, IL 60525 - (708) 352-3144

What do I need to do as a parent?

- Your son will need your support and encouragement as he reads his rank book and learns new skills.
- Fill out and return the Pack 48 Registration form, Parent Talent Survey, DVPC Cybernews signup, and the official BSA application, along with the registration fee to Stacy Rosignal.
- You will be required to volunteer on occasion to help your son's Den Leader and at Pack events.
- Want to be a Den Leader or Assistant Den Leader? Fill out the Adult application and complete the 20 minute Youth Protection training online. Also speak with the Pack Trainer about additional training opportunities.

I have signed my son up for Cub Scouts....what next?

- As a Tiger Scout, we have our recruiting events to register boys and hopefully recruit Den Leaders. Once a Den Leaders have been selected and have decided what days are available for them, we try to match up boys into dens. Once the dens are formed your new Den Leader will be contacting you about your first den meeting.
- If you are entering at a higher rank we will add you to an existing den or if enough boys register we will create a new den with a new Den Leader.

If you have any further questions about Cub Scout Pack 48, please contact:

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