

Cub Scout Pack 3815
Lumen Christi Catholic Church
New Cub Scout Parent Information Guide



Welcome To
The Adventure of Cub Scouts





Why Join Cub Scouts?

Your **time** is valuable. Today's families, more than ever, struggle to find time to spend together. Cub Scouts helps to support your **family** by providing ready-made opportunities for you and your son to do things together.

Your son needs to belong to a **group** of boys his own age. Through this sense of belonging he builds his self esteem and learns to get along with others. As a parent, you want to be assured the groups your boy joins will teach values consistent with **good citizenship, character development, and physical fitness**. Boy Scouts of America has been weaving these lifetime values into fun and educational activities since 1910.

In a society where your son is taught that winning is everything, Cub Scouts teaches him to “**do his best**” and to be helpful to others.

Scouting teaches **family values** and works to strengthen your relationship with your son. Scouting activities can bring added value to the time you already have with your son.

But we know that boys do not join Cub Scouts just to get their character built. Boys join because it is fun.

Scouting Is Fun With A Purpose!



How Does The Cub Scout Program Work?

The uniqueness of Cub Scouting is that you, as his family, join the program with your son. You will help him along the way. The **family** is the basis of the Cub Scout program. Cub Scouts exists to support your family and help enrich your family activities. Boys have a different **handbook** at each grade level with suggested activities that are age-appropriate for their developmental level. As boys “advance” through these books by working on activities with their family, they will earn **badges** and other recognition which may be worn on their Cub Scout **uniform**. Your son's success in Cub Scouting depends on you!

The Cub Scout program is further enhanced at two other levels. Your son will be a part of a “**Den**” – a small group of boys in the same grade level who meet on a regular basis. All Dens from grade one through five make up a “**Pack**.” Once a month, all Dens meet together at the Pack meeting, a family event which gives boys an opportunity to show off the new skills they have learned during the month and to be recognized for the badges they have earned.

Tiger Cub Scout Dens

Tiger Cub Scout Dens have Den Leaders and are comprised of 4 to 8 first grade boys and their adult partners. An adult partner can be a parent or another important adult in the boy's life. The Tiger Cub Den meets twice a month. Every month the Den meets at a different Scout's home. Then once a month, the Den takes part in a "Go See It" activity where they go to do lots of exciting stuff like visiting a police station, going to a ball game, or touring a television station. Tiger Cubs and their adult partners also attend monthly Pack meetings.

Pack Meetings

The Cub Scout Pack is made up of all Dens, grades 1-5. It meets **once a month at the Pack meeting**. All Tiger Cubs and Cub Scout families are expected to participate. The Pack meeting is led by the **Cubmaster**. The Pack meeting is the climax of the monthly Den meetings and activities. Pack meetings have games, skits, songs, ceremonies, and presentations of badges boys earned during that month.

Other Pack Activities

Popcorn Sale Fundraiser — Cub Scouts sell popcorn in September and October to raise money for Pack activities.

Pinewood Derby – Build and race a model car with your son. Our Pack normally holds this event in March.

Blue and Gold Banquet – Cub Scouting's birthday party in February.

Camping Activities – Scouts who have completed at least 1st grade can attend Cub Scout World at Camp Rokilio in Kiel, Wisconsin every summer.

Service Projects -- Our annual service projects are the Bay-Lakes Council Scouting for Food Drive in October and our Pack Pancake Breakfast held on Scout Sunday in February. The proceeds from the breakfast are given to Father Tom to help those in need.

Cub Scout Advancement Awards

The first rank a Tiger Cub (like all new Cub Scouts) works toward is the Bobcat Badge. The requirement include learning and telling the Cub Scout Promise, the Law of the Pack, what WeBeLos means, as well as knowing the Cub Scout sign and salute. Tiger Cubs should receive their Bobcat Badge in early fall and then begin to work on the Tiger Cub Badge. In 2nd Grade, Cub Scouts work on their Wolf Badge, in 3rd Grade the Bear Badge, in 4th Grade the Webelos Badge and the Arrow of Light Award in 5th Grade. Then it's onto the Boy Scouts!





You Are Not Alone!!!

You are a member of Pack 3815.

Your Pack is owned by a **chartered organization**. The chartered organization approves leadership, helps secure a meeting place, and makes sure that the Pack works within the guidelines and policies of their organization as well as that of the Boy Scouts of America. **Your Pack's chartered organization is Lumen Christi Catholic Church.**

Your Pack has several key leaders. **The Cubmaster**, who runs the Pack meetings, is Matt Cesarz. **His phone number is 262-241-4083. His email is matt.cesarz@sbcglobal.net.** The **Committee Chair** who coordinates Pack activities is Kim Beck. **His phone number is 262-242-5934. His email is kcb@uwm.edu.** You can learn more about your Pack at www.pack3815.org.

Your Pack is a member of a **district**, a geographic area that helps support the Pack in providing a successful and quality program. The district name is Kettle Country District. **Your district professional is Dave Borash. His e-mail is daveborash@kettlecountry.org.**

Your district has another volunteer team called the **commissioner** staff. They are your "service team." They check on the health of your Pack and are a communications link between your Pack and the Scouting organization. A commissioner is assigned to assist your unit. **Your Pack commissioner is Aggie Knapp. Her phone number is 262-242-2633 and her e-Mail is eknapp123@earthlink.net.**

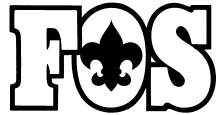
Your district also provides **training** in how to be a successful leader. All leaders need training! Until you can attend basic leader training, check out the web site www.scouting.org/cubscouts/faststart to get started. Your son's safety is the most important thing in Scouting. That's why all Scout leaders are also required to complete youth protection training. That can be done online at <http://www.scouting.org/pubs/ypt/ypt.jsp>. The next basic training session is August 21.

Your district is part of a larger geographic area called a **council**. The professional staff at your Council Service Center can help or get you in touch with someone who can. **Your council name is Bay-Lakes. The phone number is 920-734-5705 and the website is www.baylakesbsa.org.**

How Much Does Scouting Cost?

Pack Dues – Our yearly Pack dues are \$40 for the first Scout from each family. Each additional Scout is \$28. The dues include the National BSA registration fee, Boy's Life Magazine, a Tiger, Wolf, Bear or Webelos handbook, a pinewood derby car, rank advancement badges and the Blue and Gold Banquet meal for your Scout.

Uniforms – In addition, each Tiger Cub will need to have a uniform. This includes the official blue Cub Scout shirt, an orange Tiger Cub neckerchief, a Tiger Cub neckerchief slide and Cub Scout belt. The orange and blue Tiger Cub cap is optional. *The orange Tiger Cub t-shirt is no longer the official uniform.* We recommend wearing Lumen Christi School uniform pants instead of the official Cub Scout trousers. You will also need to purchase the following uniform patches: Bay-Lakes Council insignia and 3, 8, 1, 5 red and white numbers. You can also purchase a Den number patch and a World Scouting patch. All of these items can either be purchased at the Cedarburg CVS or the Milwaukee Scout Shop, 330 South 84th Street, just off Hwy 94 in Milwaukee. The total cost for uniform and insignia should be about \$45. The optional cap is another \$12.00.



Friends of Scouting. The Cub Scout program works because of the countless number of individuals that volunteer their time. Yet, behind all the great volunteers are a number of professionals that make Scouting remain one of the best programs around. The cost of running marvelous camps, Scout Supply Shops, providing volunteer leader training and support and just keeping things going is far greater than the dues you pay for your son to be involved. Once a year, you will be asked to make an additional contribution to help pay for Scouting. This is known as Friends of Scouting. We hope, when that time comes around, you understand the value of Scouting and will consider making a tax-deductible donation.

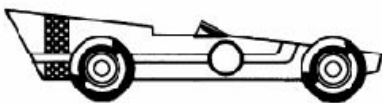
How Much Do I Need to be Involved?

First and foremost... work with your boy at home on his Cub Scout activities. His **handbook** is a ready-made book of age-appropriate activities that you and your son will enjoy doing together. When he completes an activity or project, it is your responsibility to sign his book that he has done his best. Your role as a parent is the secret of success of the Cub Scout program!

Next, you or an adult partner needs to participate in the two monthly Tiger Cub Den meetings. You and your entire family should plan on attending the monthly Pack meeting. We want all of you to celebrate your son's achievements.

Finally, we expect every family to help the Pack go. The Den and the Pack also rely on parent participation to run a successful program. The Cub Scout program operates through **volunteer leadership**. You can volunteer to be a Tiger Cub Den Leader or a member of the Pack Committee. If you can't make that commitment, then we ask that you volunteer for two events each year. Help out at the pancake breakfast, serve as a Pinewood Derby judge, make reminder phone calls or help with our Pack newsletter and website. By volunteering in Scouting, you are also giving your son the gift of your time. What could be more valuable? You will have an opportunity to be a positive influence in his life and the lives of his friends.

Spending Time With Your Child... The Secret To Success!!!



Join Cub Scouting as a Family... *It's Fun!*

You will make new friends, too, as you work with the parents of your son's new friends. No job is too difficult when you're having fun as part of a team of Cub Scout parents, reinforcing each others' efforts to help our boys grow up to be good citizens.

Questions: Contact Kim Beck, Committee Chair, 262-242-5934 or kcb@uwm.edu.