

**2017-2018**  
**Cub Scout Pack 538**  
**New Scout Intro Guide**



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## **Cub Scouting 101 – Pack 538 General Information**

### **What is Scouting about?**

Scouting activities are focused on having fun, teaching new skills, building confidence and creating friendships that the boys will hopefully carry into Boy Scouting and cherish for a lifetime.

At a high level, Cub scouting has 10 purposes which include:

1. Character Development
2. Spiritual growth
3. Learning to be a good Citizen
4. Sportsmanship and fitness
5. Family Understanding
6. Developing respectful relationships
7. Personal Achievement
8. Friendly Service
9. Fun and Adventure
10. Preparation for Boy Scouts

### **What are the different Scout Ranks/Levels?**

Lion Scout - Kindergarten

Tiger Scout – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

Wolf Scout – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Bear Scout – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Webelos 1 – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Webelos 2 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Boy Scout – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

New Lions/Tiger Dens are formed in September at the beginning of the school year. Den Leaders are one of the new Lion/Tiger parents. New Scouts can join at any grade level (Kindergarten - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade).

### **How often are Meetings?**

Den Meetings take place usually twice per month. Den meetings are smaller groups at the same grade level/rank.

Pack Meetings take place once a month and are meetings with all Dens and families present.

Pack Events may also take place during a month with all Dens and families present.

### **Where and when do meetings take place?**

This is determined by the Den Leader and is typically chosen on a day and time that works best for the majority of the group. Meetings can take place at school, a library, parent homes, or Field Trips.

### What kind of parent participation is required?

Cub Scouts may be different from other scouting groups in that there is an expectation of parental involvement throughout the process. In the younger grades (Lions, Tigers and Wolves), a parent is expected to participate with their boy in the den meetings. This involvement can taper off as the boys get older, and is left to the discretion of the Den Leader. In addition, there are individual and family requirements that a parent must sign off that the Cub Scout has completed. Many of these are normal activities that are already taking place within the household, for example, help around the house, school and sports activities etc. Pack Trips or camping activities require a parent attend with their scout - although this can be either Mom, Dad, Grandparent or other family member.

### What do I need to get my Scout started?

1. Cub Scout Shirt:
  - a. Lion Scouts wear a Lion t-shirt
  - b. Tiger, Wolf and Bear Scouts wear a Blue uniform shirt
  - c. Webelos can wear either the Blue or Tan uniform shirt
2. Neckerchief – N/A for Lions, Orange for Tiger, Yellow for Wolf, Light Blue for Bear, Plaid for Webelos
3. Neckerchief Slide – Tiger, Wolf, Bear or Webelos - No specific slide needed
4. Uniform Patches (see image below)
  - a. Three Harbors Council Patch to go on left shoulder
  - b. Red Pack Numbers – 5, 3, 8 to go below Council Patch on left shoulder
  - c. Den Number – TBD by Cubmaster, to go on right shoulder below Flag
  - d. World Scout Crest (purple) – to go above left pocket
  - e. World Crest Ring (Goes around World Scout Crest) - Optional
5. Handbook for the current Scout rank – Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear or Webelo.
6. Belt - Needed for awarded Adventure belt loops
7. OPTIONAL ITEMS – **NOT REQUIRED**
  - a. Hat
  - b. Pants
  - c. Socks

**NOTE:** All rank Badges (Bobcat, Tiger, Wolf, etc.) are purchased by the Pack and given to your child at awards ceremonies. All other awards, Belt Loops, Pins, etc. are also purchased by the Pack and given to your child at award ceremonies.

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Den Numerals  
(ask Den Leader which Den you are in)



NNJ Council Insignia



Pack Numerals

Hat, Neckerchief and Slide  
Tiger = orange  
Wolf = yellow  
Bear = blue  
Webelo = plaid



World Scout Crest

Short- or Long-Sleeve Shirt

Web Belt and Buckle  
(to show the belt loops  
you have earned)

Shorts or Switchback Pants



Scout Uniforms and Handbooks can be found and purchased at:

Milwaukee Council Scout Shop (Near State Fair Park)  
330 South 84th Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53214  
(414) 453-9777

Sherpers – Hales Corners  
5750 South 108<sup>th</sup> St. (Hwy 100)  
Hales Corners, WI 53130  
414-425-6888

### **Costs to join/be a member of the pack:**

For all of the new scouts joining, there is a \$24 annualized joining fee which covers the registration (charter) of the boys with the BSA...this covers insurance for all of the boys and covers some of the costs of centrally administering BSA programs at the national level.

In addition, if your son is interested in boy's life magazine there is a \$12/year subscription fee (optional but highly recommended).

Locally at the pack level we run one required fund raiser per year – wreath sales which is described below

### **Fundraising**

Wreath Sales (FALL): Each Scout is expected to sell at least 10 wreaths in the fall wreath sale or pay annual dues of \$100.00. If your Scout can't sell at least 10 wreaths, the family would need to subsidize sale to achieve the annual dues requirement. For example, if your Scout sells 6 wreaths, the remaining dues would be \$40.

**This is the ONLY mandatory fundraiser to cover Pack Expenses.**

Fees cover:

- Scout Badges/belts loops/awards
- Pinewood Derby cars, Raingutter Regatta boats
- Annual national Boy Scout of America (\$33) membership fee
- Blue and Gold Banquet
- Pack Meetings materials/prizes/etc.
- And more.....

Popcorn (SPRING): Popcorn is sold in the spring and is optional for all Scouts. A total of 35% of each Scout's sales goes directly into the Scout's account and can be used for other Scout activities like Camp in summer, Ross Lodge, Pack & Den Events or the next fall's Dues.

### **Volunteers – We need YOU!**

Our Pack runs and relies on parent volunteers to make this a great, fun and successful experience for you and your boys. There are many different Den and Pack Activities that need parent volunteers. Most Committee positions require only a few hours of your time! Please consider volunteering to chair or help for at least one Pack activity.

### **Other information**

#### **What is the Bobcat Badge?**

No matter what age or grade a boy joins Cub Scouting, he must earn his Bobcat badge before he can advance to the rank of Tiger Cub, Wolf, Bear, or Webelo. The requirements include:

- Learn and say the Cub Scout Oath, and the Cub Scout Law
- Learn the Scout sign, handshake, motto, and salute and understand their meaning
- With your parent or guardian, complete the exercises in the Handbook, How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse.

Requirements are practiced at Den Meetings, but should also be practiced at home. Typically a Scout will earn the Bobcat Badge within the first couple months of Scouting.

### What is the Blue and Gold Banquet?

Cub Scouts celebrate Scouting Anniversary Week in February with a "birthday party" called the Blue and Gold banquet. In nearly all packs, the Blue and Gold banquet is the highlight of the year. It brings families together for an evening of fun and is typically the pack meeting for February. The purpose of the Blue and Gold banquet is to celebrate with extended family and recognize scouts and scout leaders with Awards. Please be sure to save the date and plan to invite grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc.

### What is the Pinewood Derby?

The Pinewood Derby is a time honored Scouting tradition. Derby car kits are handed out at a Pack meeting and the race takes place sometime between January and March at our Pack Meeting. A pre-race is held before the actual race. This website (<http://www.pinewoodderby.org/pinewood/about>) has a lot of great information and tips.

### Useful Scout websites

<http://pack538.weebly.com/index.html> (pack 538 website)

<http://www.scouting.org/>

<http://www.threeharborsscouting.org/> (Three harbors council web site)

<http://bsauniforms.org/> (Site showing uniform by rank)

<http://www.boyscouttrail.com/cub-scouts/tiger-scouts.asp>

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