

Cub Scout Pack 300

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Parent Handbook



Cub Scouts Pack 300

Hi, and welcome to Cub Scouts Pack 300! Here's hoping the information and guidelines presented to you in the next few pages will help you get off to a good start for the coming year. Please keep this packet as a handy reference for future information needs regarding Pack policy and uniform information. Thank you.

To begin with, your child is a member of Pack 300, which is in the Hou Koda District, belonging to the Crossroads of America Council. The Pack is made up of Dens, which is a group of scouts usually in the same grade as that of your child. Each Den has a specific numeral attached to it. Collectively, we are Cub Scouts, and are members of the National organization, the Boy Scouts of America.

The Pack is run by the registered BSA Adult Leaders of the Pack who make up the Pack Committee, which includes a Committee Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Event coordinators, Awards coordinators, Den leaders, Assistant Den Leaders, and others. All parents of a Cub Scout in Pack 300 are welcomed and encouraged to become a Committee Member. Our committee meetings are open to all parents of Scouts in Pack 300.

Den meetings are scheduled and we meet every Tuesday at 6:30pm at Harmony Baptist Church, 5697 Broyles Rd, Avon, IN 46123. We will not meet if the Avon School District is on a scheduled break.

Unless previously announced, our Pack meetings are once a month at the church at 6:30 p.m. You can check www.scoutbook.com for the calendar and pack meeting dates.

Den Meetings

Lots of Cub Scouting happens in the den. Please remember that your child's Den Leader is a volunteer putting forth his or her time and effort to help your scout 'do his best' to earn his badges, participate in the fun, and gain all the positive values that the Cub Scout program offers. Please assist them in the following ways.

- Please have your child the to den meetings on time. Your den leaders have lots of activities planned and it is important to have the whole group together to begin the evening's fun and projects.
- Please pick up your child from the den meetings on time if you have made previous arrangements to drop your child off. Your den leader has places to go and kids that they have to put to bed, too. All parents are encouraged to stay. Not only will your help be appreciated, but also you can see what your child is working on. Tiger Cubs must have an Adult Partner with them at all meetings (unless otherwise arranged for two deep leadership), trips, etc. Enjoy the time together!
- Please pay your den dues promptly. Your den leader or other parents will be purchasing various items for craft projects, supplies, snacks, etc., and it sure helps to have the money 'on hand'. Also, please make sure your child has his handbook, and anything else he needs for the meeting before leaving the house.
- Be an active parent. Everybody has some special abilities and 'know how' that can be of great help in matters relating to Cub Scouts. Please make sure you have completed the Parent Talent Survey Sheet located on the website and return it to your leader. In addition to the scouts learning new skills from you, I promise that you will have a good time helping!

Pack Meetings

Whereas at Den meetings the scouts might do activities towards earning rank badges and awards, the monthly Pack meeting is where these awards are presented. It is an **important** part of the program, as it allows the scouts to receive their recognition in front of the group as a whole, inspires the younger scouts to strive towards achieving future ranks, and brings everybody together for the big night!

At Pack meetings, the Cubmaster will 'do their best' to make sure that each Den has a chance to display that special craft they made, song they learned, skit they've rehearsed, or interesting place they visited. In addition, there might be a drawing, advancement ceremony, or other themed event planned for the evening.

Please observe the followings guidelines in regard to Pack meetings.

- Please accompany your child to his Pack meeting. Pack meetings are a *family* event - brothers, sisters, grandparents, but most of all, **YOU!** We want you there not only to help keep order at the meeting (things *can* get a bit rowdy), but also because in Scouting many awards are presented to the parent who then presents it to the Scout. Cub Scouts is a family program.
- Please arrive to Pack meetings on time. Plan on arriving at least ten minutes early to confer with your child's Den leader about upcoming things, chat with friends, etc., as the meeting needs to begin on time. If your child is helping out as a member of a flag ceremony, or assisting with other Pack meeting activities, it is imperative to have him there on time. Thank you.
- If your child has a uniform, the Pack meeting is *definitely* the place to wear it. Class A - Shirts tucked in - looking sharp!

Most of all, we hope to make Pack meetings entertaining, enriching, and FUN!!!

\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ Pack 300 and B.S.A. Dues \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

Throughout the Scout year, your Den leader or Pack Treasurer will be collecting money for various Pack functions and activities. These will be addressed at the monthly Pack Meetings, and also via weekly information given to you at Den meetings. The following is a reminder of what fees are required for your child's involvement in the Pack.

B.S.A. Dues \$25.00 This annual fee must be collected in January from every registered Scout and Adult leader for the annual re-chartering of the Pack. This fee includes the \$25.00 yearly membership to B.S.A. and the insurance issued to cover the scouts and Adult Leaders at all Scout functions. The deadline for this is the Dec 31st.

Fund Raisers

Throughout the year there will be various fund-raisers. Our major fundraiser is the annual Popcorn sale; you can check out the website for additional information or ask a leader. Some of these might go to benefit the Pack for a trip, outing, or needed supplies, and some to benefit the Scout, Pack, and Crossroads of America Council. As Cub Scouts, we will always try and make sure to emphasize the *fun* in *fun*draising. Thank you.

Cub Scouting and You

When your child earns his Bobcat badge he learns the Law of the Pack. One of these laws states “The Cub Scout Helps the Pack Go”. Throughout the year there are banquets, fund-raisers, Scout shows, parades, derbies, camping trips, and many other activities and functions. Ambitious as they are, a Cub Scout still needs *your* help in implementing the program and thereby giving *us* the chance to keep our promise in the part of the Law that states “The Pack Helps the Cub Scout Grow”. Remember, the Pack is all of us working together... leaders, parents, and Scouts.

Unlike other programs your child might enroll in, Cub Scouting involves the whole family, no matter what size or parental make-up exists in the home. In Tigers, you are your child’s Adult Partner. In Wolves and Bears, you are Akela, the wise leader of the tribe of Webelos, and the final judge of your child’s efforts. At the Webelos rank, you are the Activity Badge counselors that could help influence a child’s career direction

Throughout the year you will be asked to assist on different committees, and at different events. Please volunteer freely, and give of yourself when called upon to help. You will find it a rewarding experience, and one in which you and your child will remember that you did together. Thank you.

Uniforms, Patches, and Accessories

Scouts in uniform are more conscious of their role in Cub Scouting, and feel a sense of pride and belonging when wearing one. A uniform provides a proper place for the display of badges earned and a way for him to ‘show the world’ that he has been rewarded for his achievements.

In addition, Scouts in uniform create a strong, positive, *visible* image in the community that helps to strengthen the important ties between the public and the Scouting organization.

Where to Buy

Uniforms, patches and accessories are available at the following locations:

Golden-Burke Scout Center – [[MAP LINK](#)]

7125 Fall Creek Road North

Indianapolis, IN 46256

Phone: (317) 813-7070

Council Website: [Crossroads of America Council](#)

Also, the Pack might have some ‘experienced’ uniforms for sale. Please see the Cubmaster for details.

Shirts and [Shorts / Pants]

The main article of the uniform is the shirt, as it displays the rank of the Scout, and identifies him as belonging to a certain Den, Pack and Council. When purchasing a new uniform, remember that your child is growing and if, for example, he is now a newly signed up Wolf Cub, get an extra size or two larger, so he can wear it for his Bear year as well.

Although a complete official uniform for your child is strongly encouraged, if cost is an object, many of the large discount stores sell [shorts / pants] in colors that closely resemble those of the official uniform.

Pack 300 also has ‘Class B’ Pack T-shirts for sale for many of our outdoor activities. Your child will receive one and extras are for sale at \$10 each.

Patches

In addition to the purchasing of a uniform, there will be many patches that need to be sewn on your child's shirt. Please pay close attention as to *where* on the uniform these need to be placed. (Please refer to uniform insignia placement on the next page). For the rank patches (i.e. Bobcat, Tiger, etc...) we recommend getting the diamond badge holder that affixes to the pocket button to display these badges

It is important that when your child receives a badge that is to be a part of his uniform, you affix it to his shirt as soon as possible. He earned it, and he deserves to have it displayed.

A uniform is something that a Scout can help pay for himself by assigning him various chores around the house, or helping out with other home projects. Also, keep in mind that uniforms, Scout accessories, camping supplies, and other 'Scout stuff' make *excellent* birthday and holiday presents for your child or the Scouter in your family.

What to Buy

Tiger Cub Adult Partners

- Orange Tiger Cub T-shirt

Tigers, Wolves and Bears

- Blue Cub Scout Shirt with U.S. flag – [(short sleeve / long sleeve)]
- Crossroads of American Council Patch
- Pack 300 (red and white numerals)
- World Crest Emblem (purple patch with the fleur-de-lis symbol)
- Tiger (orange) Wolf (yellow) or Bear (blue) Cub Scout Neckerchief and Cub Scout Slide (pack provided)
- Tiger, Wolf, Bear handbook (pack provided)
- Cub Scout Web Belt And Buckle (These are designed to fit the Belt Loop awards that Scouts can earn)

Optional

- Official Tiger, Wolf or Bear Hat
- Official Cub Scout [Shorts / Pants]
- Official Tiger (orange stripe) or Cub Scout (yellow stripe) Socks

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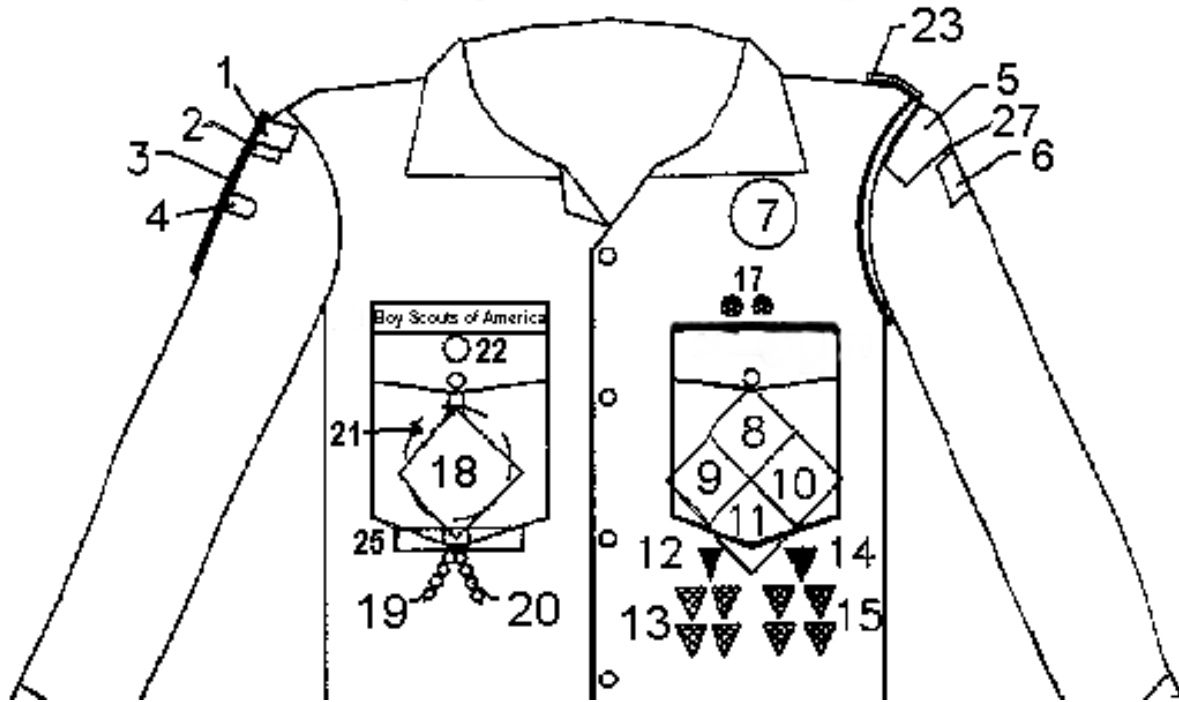
- *Tan Boy Scout Shirt with U.S. Flag - [(short sleeve / long sleeve)]
- Crossroads of America Council Patch
- Pack 300 (red and white numerals)
- World Crest Emblem (purple patch with the fleur-de-lis symbol)
- Webelos Neckerchief and slide (pack provided)
- Webelos handbook (pack provided)
- Cub Scout Web Belt and Webelos Buckle (These are designed to fit the Belt Loop awards that Scouts can earn. The Webelos / Boy Scout green belt is wider and Belt Loops must be expanded to fit)

Optional

- Blue Shoulder Loops for tan shirt
- Official Webelos Hat
- Webelos Colors (optional) Activity Badge pins may be worn on the Webelos Hat or the Webelos Colors
- Official Boy Scout Socks to match shirt worn
- Official Boy Scout [Shorts / Pants]

*Note: A Webelos Scout may wear either the Blue or Tan shirt. If you are just signing on as a Webelos, it is recommended to purchase the Tan uniform.

Uniform Insignia Placement



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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. American Flag (comes with uniform) 2. Den Number 3. Webelos Colors (optional) 4. Quality Unit Award (most recent only) 5. Council Emblem 6. Pack Numerals 7. World Crest 8. Bobcat Badge 9. Wolf Badge 10. Bear Badge 11. Tiger Badge (or Webelos badge on blue uniform) 12. Wolf Gold Arrow Point 13. Wolf Silver Arrow Points 14. Bear Gold Arrow Point 15. Bear Silver Arrow Points | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 16. Tiger Cub Service Star 17. Cub Scout Service Star 18. Immediate Recognition Kit (available for Tigers also) 19. Wolf Beads (Yellow) 20. Bear Beads (Red) 21. Temporary Patch (or Webelos Compass Badge) 22. Summertime Pack Award 23. Denner Cords 24. (Not Shown) Arrow of Light – below left pocket 25. Recruiter Strip 26. (Not Shown). Oval Webelos Badge - Centered on left pocket under flap on tan uniform |
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Communications

In this busy society we live in communication is at the heart of every successful organization. The same is true for Cub Scouts.

We want to avoid using meetings for the purpose of communicating information. **The pack meetings and den meetings are for fun, not announcements.**

Our pack leverages three primary forms of communication:

- Email - Sign up Genius and other various communications.
- Pack calendar and advancement portal at <https://www.scoutbook.com>

The possibility of phone calls exists as well, though this is rare and impractical for a pack of our size.

Email

The primary communication mechanism of the pack is via email. If you are unsure if you are on the email list, please contact the Cubmaster immediately.

If for some reason email does not work out for you, contact the Cubmaster so that an alternate arrangement can be made.

Pack Web Site

Pack 300 maintains a site on the World Wide Web as a mechanism to keep parents, Scouts, Leaders, and members of our chartered organization informed of our activities, progress, and changes of plan. The address of this website is <http://www.pack300.net>.

We encourage parents to bookmark this site and check it often – it's an excellent tool for us to keep you up to date.

Pack 300 Website, Media Coverage, and Privacy Issues

We will occasionally post photographs of den and pack activities on this website. It is also possible that local newspapers and television stations may provide coverage of some of our activities and your child's name and photograph may appear in a publication or on TV. If you object to having your child appear on the website or in the media, please let our Pack Leaders know (in writing) as soon as possible.

For maximum protection of your child, it is our policy that:

- No Cub Scout will ever be identified on the website by his full name. Scouts will be referred to by initials, such as "B. M." and "T. K."
- No addresses or phone numbers will be posted on the website, except for Adult Leaders who consent to making this information available.
- All images on the website are protected from download and cannot be saved to a device.

If you determine that any of these policies have been violated or if you have any other concerns about the website or privacy issues, please contact a Scout Leader in our Pack immediately.

Summer Activities

The Pack will schedule activities during the summer months. All summer activities will be publicized using email, the Pack website, and Scoutbook RSVP.

Scouts who attend at least one Pack activity per month during the months of June, July, and August can earn a special 'summertime activity' award.

A Brief Summary of Scouting and the Cub Scout Program

Scouting has been around a long time. The Boy Scouts of America was founded in 1910, and became federally chartered with the United States in 1916. Cub Scouts came into being in 1930. Millions of scouts have worn the uniform, cooked over an open fire at a campsite, earned their Bobcat, raced their Pinewood Derby cars, worked on service projects, and made new friends under the umbrella of Scouting. Flowing underneath all this fun and excitement is a character-building program that encourages making good ethical choices, family strengthening, physical fitness, and citizenship skills in the lives of our scouts.

Scouting utilizes an advancement system that requires a child to 'do his best' to fulfill and complete the requirements outlined in his handbook so that he may earn his rank badge. After receiving his badge, these Scouts can go on to earn other awards by completing a series of electives. Please keep in mind that although there are lots of awards and recognitions in Scouting, Pack 000 will strive towards the end that these are earned through significant, meaningful methods that your child will remember for a long time.

At the Tiger, Wolf, and Bear ranks, Cub Scouting centers around monthly themes that have lots of appeal to scouts at this age. During den meetings, the scouts will be playing games, building craft projects, learning songs, etc. relating to this theme. In doing so, these scouts will be improving on different skills as they learn to get along with others, become more resourceful, and participate in new activities and venues.

At the Webelos level, in lieu of the monthly theme, the scouts are introduced to several diverse Activity Badges and, within the framework of the Webelos den, they work on completing these badges.

If you'll notice, there are Webelos 1's (4th graders) and Webelos 2's (5th graders). At the first level, after earning their Webelos badge, Webelos 1's continue to earn additional activity badges and gain new knowledge and skills in these areas. The Webelos 2's, though maybe still earning Activity Badges, also begin focusing on completing other requirements for their Arrow of Light award and will be conducting activities with various Boy Scout Troops.

Pack 300 follows a 'Scout year' of September to June and upon nearing the end of the school term, all the scouts 'cross over' into the next rank. During the summer, Den meeting work on achievements may be suspended as the Pack will meet monthly at fun outings such as a bowling derby, fishing derby, kite derby, baseball game, Pack swim, etc. that goes toward the scouts earning their Summertime Award pin.

There are many, many events offered in Scouting. In addition to the events at Den meetings, Pack 300 will have family camping trips, Pinewood Derby races, a Blue and Gold dinner, and much more that's just for us in the Pack 300.

In addition, there are District events, which unites us with hundreds of Scouts, and Council events that can have thousands of Scouts in attendance. Your participation at these functions will definitely add to your child's Scouting experience.

Thank you for taking the time to go over this handbook with your new Cub Scout! With your help, this will be an exciting, rewarding experience for you, your child, your family, and your Pack. We're glad you've joined us! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Yours in Scouting,

Jason Fetterly