

Cub Scout Pack 252 Welcome Letter

Introduction

Welcome to Cub Scouts, Pack 252. We are excited that you are interested in or have chosen to be a member of our Pack. This letter is meant to help new Cub Scout families understand the organization of Cub Scouts and Pack 252. Cub Scouting is a Family Program; it requires parents to volunteer. This way, both the parents and the scouts benefit from the program.

We are registered with the Erie Shores Council of the Boy Scouts of America. We are a member of the Swan Creek District under the Erie Shores Council.

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Pack 252 is sponsored by the St. Patrick of Heatherdowns School.

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Vision Statement

Cub Scouts strives to promote core values such as citizenship, compassion, cooperation, courage, faith, health and fitness, honesty, perseverance, positive attitude, resourcefulness, respect, and responsibility.

Cub Scout Pack 252 uses fun activities to help our children learn these values.

Meetings and Outings

The entire pack meets once a month for a pack meeting, which lasts 1 hour and 15 minutes. Each den typically meets once or twice a month for a den meeting, which lasts 1 to 2 hours, depending on the planned activities.

Pack Meetings

Pack meetings are typically held once a month September thru May, on Fridays starting at 7:00 pm. Unless otherwise stated, the pack meetings are held in the cafeteria at St. Patrick of Heatherdowns School. Pack meetings are the primary way in which Cub Scouts receive praise and awards in front of their peers. Pack meetings may include: greeting, flag ceremony (please stand and place hand over heart or salute if in uniform), songs, skits, programs, awards, announcements, closing ceremony, and cleanup.

Den Meetings

The Cub Scout pack is organized into dens; Lion Scouts (Kindergarten), Tiger Scouts (1st Grade), Wolf Scouts (2nd Grade), Bear Scouts (3rd Grade), Webelos I (4th Grade), and Webelos II (5th Grade). Dens are led by parent volunteers. Each den usually meets once or twice per month for 1 to 2 hours, depending on the planned activities. The meetings may be conducted at school, parks, outings, etc.

Lion Scouts (Kindergarten)

Lion Scouts and parents work as a team and join scouting together. Lion Scouts require at least one adult, 18 years of age or older, to accompany the Lion Scout to every scout function. This includes all den meetings, pack meetings, and field trips. Lion Scout parents take turns leading den meetings.

Tiger Scouts (1st Grade)

Tiger Scouts also requires at least one adult, 18 years of age or older, to accompany the Tiger Scout to every scout function. This includes all den meetings, pack meetings, and field trips. A Tiger Scout parent will volunteer to be the Den Leader or parents will take turns leading den meetings.

Wolf & Bear Scouts (2nd & 3rd Grade)

Wolf and Bear Scouts complete achievements (belt loops) to earn their rank badge (patch). All the requirements are outlined in the rank handbooks. Achievements are worked on at den meetings and at home. Either a parent or the Den Leader can approve and sign off the work.

Webelos (4th & 5th Grade)

This program is for youth who have completed third grade (or are age 10). A youth may begin working on the Webelos badge as soon as they join a Webelos den. This is the first step in their transition from the Webelos den to the Boy Scout troop. Webelos work on activity badges, attend den meetings, and become familiar with the Boy Scout requirements to earn the Arrow of Light Award; the highest award a Cub Scout can earn!

Adult Leaders

Den Leaders duties include: planning and carry out den meetings with the goal of completing requirements, prepare skits & games for the pack meeting, lead the Den in outings, and help the Cubmaster in presenting awards during pack meetings. Den Leaders are typically the parent of one of the scouts in the den.

The Cubmasters duties include: leading and or conducting the monthly pack meetings, guide & support Den Leaders, work with the Pack Committee to plan an annual pack program, and to coordinate the Cub Scout program in the Pack.

The Pack Committee assists in the organization, planning, and administrative functions of the Pack. Meetings of the Pack Committee are typically held once a month at nearby restaurants.

Pack Committee meetings are held to discuss upcoming Pack activities, plan future activities, and review Pack finances. All parents are welcome and encouraged to join the Pack Committee.

All adult members are required to complete Youth Protection Training (YPT). This training creates a safe environment for young people to enjoy the Cub Scout program's activities. It also provides strategies for personal safety awareness for youth and adults. Cub Scouts requires 2 deep leadership and no scout will ever be with an adult leader one on one. Certification is every 2 years.

Registration Fees

Registration fees for new scouts is \$49 per year. Returning scout dues are \$39 per year. Scouts may also purchase Boys Life Magazine for an additional \$12 a year. Financial assistance is available.

Fundraising

The pack participates in the annual District Popcorn sales event which takes place in September through November. The popcorn sale raises funds for pack programming and for scout camping and outings. All scouts are encouraged to participate. Awards are earned for the highest sales! Complete details regarding the popcorn sale will be discussed at a popcorn sales kickoff meeting.

Uniform

Cub Scouts are expected to wear their Class "A" uniform which includes uniform shirt with patches, neckerchief, neckerchief slide, any pants/shirts with belt loops, and socks and closed toed shoes to all den and pack meetings. Other activities may specify a Class "B" uniform, cub scout t-shirt. Each scout should also own a handbook for their level. Uniform hats and belts are optional but highly encouraged so scouts can show off the belt loops they earn. Uniform shirt, patches, neckerchief, neckerchief slide, and handbooks are purchased at the Scout Shop.

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