

Welcome To The Adventure of Cub Scouting!! **PACK 199**

Nathan Hale Elementary School
Schaumburg, Illinois

Where Character Counts
and
The Adventure Begins



At Tonight's Meeting, We Will:

- ✓ Inform Parents and Boys About Cub Scouting
- ✓ Register Boys For Cub Scouting
- ✓ Involve Parents With The Program

Your Son, Scouting, and You

There is a battle of significant consequence taking place in the lives of boys in America today. In simple terms, it is the battle between doing what is right or wrong. A recent study conducted by Louis Harris & Associates indicates that the proportion of boys choosing to do what is wrong is alarmingly high. Even basic values such as not cheating on schoolwork and not stealing seem to be unstable.

Clearly, the results of this study indicate that our nation's youth are struggling with ethical and moral decisions, and that these difficulties can only increase with age. Therefore, the need for reinforcing and rewarding strong moral standards and providing positive role models at a young age is more important than ever before.

Cub Scouting creates a climate of cooperative and collaborative relationships between adults and children--a laboratory for adults and children to get to know one another. It provides opportunities for children to acquire the capacity for accomplishment. The program affirms to the child that the world really is an interesting place.

Cub Scouting is fun! But it is fun with a purpose. Woven through all the fun is an inspired program that really works. Tried and proven methods are used that transfer traditional values, build character, and develop leadership skills -- all in the context of fun and family togetherness.
(BSA: Operation Tiger Mania 1996)

Cub Scouting is a year-round family-oriented part of the Boy Scouts of America program designed for boys who are in the first through fifth grades (or are age 7 to 10 years old). Parents, leaders, and organizations work together to achieve Cub Scouting's 12 core values:

Cub Scouting's 12 Core Values

Citizenship	Honesty
Compassion	Perseverance
Cooperation	Positive Attitude
Courage	Resourcefulness
Faith	Respect
Health and Fitness	Responsibility



How Cub Scouting Works

Scouting is Family Oriented

Activities are intended for the whole family
You work with your son on his advancement award requirements

The Cub Scout Den

Your son will be a member of a Cub Scout Den along with 6 to 8 other boys
The Den will meet from 1 to 4 times a month depending on their rank
The Den is led by a Den Leader and an Assistant Den Leader (parents)

The Cub Scout Pack

Your son is also a member of a Cub Scout Pack made up of all the Dens
A Pack meets once per month (3rd Wed) - all Cub Scout families attend
The Pack Meeting is led by the Cubmaster
The Pack Meeting is the highlight of the month's den meeting and activities
Pack Meetings have games, songs, skits, ceremonies, and presentations of badges that the boys have earned during the month.

The Pack Committee

The Pack Committee is made up of Den Leaders, the Cubmaster, and parents
The Pack Committee is led by a Committee Chairperson
The Pack Committee meets once per month (2nd Wed)
The Pack Committee's primary duties are to set the agenda for the Pack and manage finances and recordkeeping.

The Chartered Organization

Each Pack is sponsored by a Chartered Organization. Our Charter Organization is the Schaumburg Jaycees. A Charter Organization could be a school, religious organization, service club, or another organization interested in helping youth. The Chartered Organization approves leaders and selects a representative to serve as liaison between the Pack and the Charter Organization.

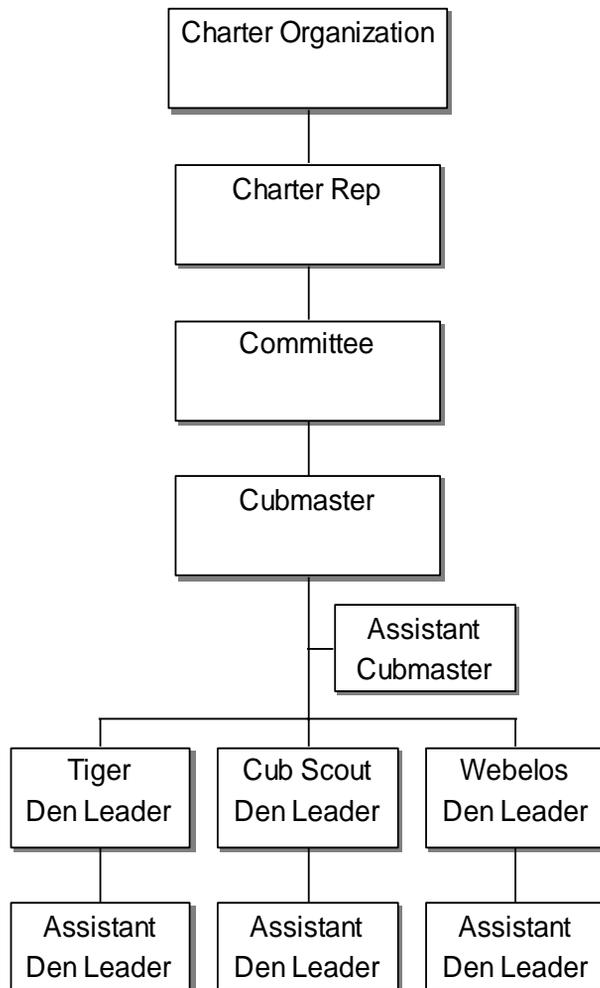
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Each Pack Is Part Of A BSA District

A District is made up of similar units in a specific geographic area. Our District is the *Pathfinder District*. The District provides program support, training, and camping opportunities.

Each District Is Part Of A Council

Our Council is made up of 6 different Districts representing 33 different communities of Northwest Chicago. Our council is *Northwest Suburban Council*. The Council maintains camping properties year round, a service center for record-keeping, a Scout Store, and a professional staff.



The Advancement Plan

Rank advancement is one of the methods we use to achieve Scouting's aims - character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness. Everything a Cub does to advance is designed to achieve these aims and aid in his personal growth. Advancement is the process by which a boy progresses from badge to badge, learning new skills as he goes. We should remember that badges are simply a means to an end - and not an end in themselves.

Tiger Cub



This rank is for those boys who are in first grade or are 7 years old. They work closely with their adult partner to accomplish activities in their handbook. As boys advance, they receive recognition items to mark their progress. These items will be given to them during a simple ceremony at a pack or den meeting. After completing all 15 parts of the five achievements, the Tiger Cub has earned the Tiger Cub Badge.

Bobcat



Regardless of a boy's age, the Bobcat Badge is the first step in a boy's progression after registering as a Cub Scout. Among other requirements, the Bobcat must learn the Cub Scout Handshake, the Cub Scout Salute, and how to give the Cub Scout Sign. After receiving the Bobcat badge, the boys work on the requirements based on their grade level.

Wolf



A Cub Scout who has completed first grade (or is age 8) works on twelve achievements to earn the Wolf badge. After he earns his Wolf badge, a boy may work on electives in different interest areas until he is old enough to begin work on the next rank.

The Advancement Plan

Bear



A Cub Scout who has completed the second grade (or is age 9) works to complete twelve of twenty-four achievements to earn the Bear badge. The achievements are grouped into 4 major areas: God, Country, Family, and Self. After he earns his Bear badge, a scout may work on electives in different areas until he is old enough to begin work on the next rank.

Webelos



When a Cub Scout has completed the third grade (or is 10 years old) he begins working on an 18 month program to complete the Webelos program. The program consist of twenty activity badges and the *Arrow of Light Award*.

Camping and outdoor programs are an important part of the Webelos program. In February of the Webelos Scout's fifth grade year he graduates from Cub Scouting into the adventure of Boy Scouting at an impressive graduation ceremony. Every boy deserves the opportunity to be a Boy Scout.



Special Cub Scout Activities

Blue and Gold Banquet

This is a birthday party for Cub Scouting held by the Pack, usually in March. Most Packs hold some type of dinner with a special program or entertainment.

Pinewood Derby

Parent and son work together to build a gravity-powered miniature race car from a special kit.

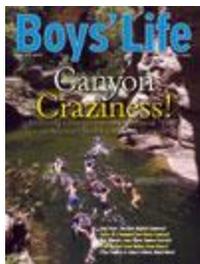


Monthly Pack Activities

Monthly we get together as a Pack for an outing such as bowling, miniature golf, frisbee golf, laser tag, Brookfield Zoo, picnics, Flyers game, and MUCH, MUCH, MORE.

Community Service Programs

Pack 199 participates in local community service programs such as food drives, cleanup activities, Friends of Scouting, supporting our charter organization, and more.



Camping

There is camping available for every level of Scouting throughout the year from Family Camp to Webelos Camp.

Family Camp
Day Camps
Resident Camps
Webelos Camps



Fundraising

Pack 199 holds two fundraising events during September and October that funds activities throughout the year, provides segments and badges, books and neckerchiefs, etc. It is expected that every family participate in these fundraising events.



Boy's Life Magazine

Boy's Life has interesting articles on Scouting, sports, hobbies, magic, science, and U.S. history. There are also jokes, comics, and short stories. Boy's Life comes addressed to your scout at home. There are different versions for Tigers, Cub Scouts, and Webelos.

How Can You Help?

First and foremost...work with your son at home on his Cub Scouting activities. His **handbook** is a ready-made book of age appropriate activities that you and your son will enjoy doing together. Your role as a parent is the secret to success for the Cub Scouting program!



Scouting operates through volunteer leadership. Volunteer leaders are an example of the Scouting principle of service to others. Naturally, parents are the primary source of leaders in the Scouting program. By volunteering in Scouting, you are also giving your son the gift of your time. What could be more valuable? You will have the opportunity to be a positive influence in his life as well as his friends.

"I was never a Scout and know very little about the program"

A long, rich background in Scouting is NOT required! What is needed is a desire to work with and help young people, a willingness to learn, and the rest is easy! There are plenty of resources and training available. Northwest Suburban Council provides many training opportunities and supplemental materials to assist you in learning the Scouting program.

What Do You Receive In Return?

Being a leader is fun, challenging, and rewarding. The following are some of the many dividends that will enrich your life as you dedicate your time, talent, and enthusiasm.

- Fun and fellowship with other families, sharing your pride in the boys' accomplishments.
- The opportunity to help make a difference in the lives of boys as they grow strong in mind and body.
- The satisfaction of being part of a worldwide movement, and pride in being publicly identified as part of an organization - wearing the Scouting uniform is a visible means of showing you believe in and stand up for the ideals and objectives of the Boy Scouts of America.

Pack Volunteer Leadership

Den Leaders

Leads the den at weekly meetings and monthly pack meetings. Attends the monthly pack leaders meeting.

Cubmaster

Helps plan and carry out the pack program under the direction of the pack committee. Emceeds the monthly pack meeting and attends the monthly pack leaders meeting.

Pack Committee

Pack committee members perform administrative functions of the pack. Meets monthly and plans all Pack activities.

Committee Chairperson

Presides at all pack committee meetings. Also attends monthly District Roundtable meetings.

Treasurer

Keeps all records for the pack, including pack bank account, prepares financial statements, etc. Attends monthly Committee meeting and Pack meetings.

Advancement Chairperson

Maintains advancement records for the pack. Orders and obtains all badges and awards for the boys. Attends monthly Committee meeting and Pack meetings.

Membership Chairperson

Maintains accurate records of Pack Leaders and Scouts and coordinates the annual re-chartering.

Pack Volunteer Leadership

Training Coordinator

Keeps track of all training opportunities and ensures that all Leaders have the proper level of training.

Camping Coordinator

Coordinates all camping activities and registrations.

Fundraising Chairperson

Pack 199 has two fundraisers per year - one in the late summer and one in the early fall. Each requires a chairperson to coordinate the activities to make these events a success.

Pack Snack

Person responsible for bringing a snack (food and drink) to the monthly Pack meetings.

Parent Helpers

Parents play an important role in the pack. While the leaders do their best to provide a quality program, they are volunteers and have many other obligations. We depend on parents to help provide a good program. We ask every parent to help the pack in some capacity. You should help with at least one pack activity a year (e.g. Pinewood Derby or a campout). Parents are required to participate in the two fundraisers for the Pack. A parent should attend the pack meetings together with your Cub Scout. There are no secrets in Cub Scouts; parents are welcome in any organizational meetings of the pack, district or council.

As you can see, it takes quite a bit of effort to run a successful Pack. If we all pitch in and do our part to support the Pack, it will reduce the burden on everyone involved.

What Will Scouting Cost Me?

Scout Registration Fee: \$24.00/yr
Boy's Life Magazine: \$12.00/yr

The Pack pays for Adult Leader registrations

There are no monthly dues required at this time. The Pack does two fundraisers per year to cover most of the costs associated with the running of the Pack.

Uniform:



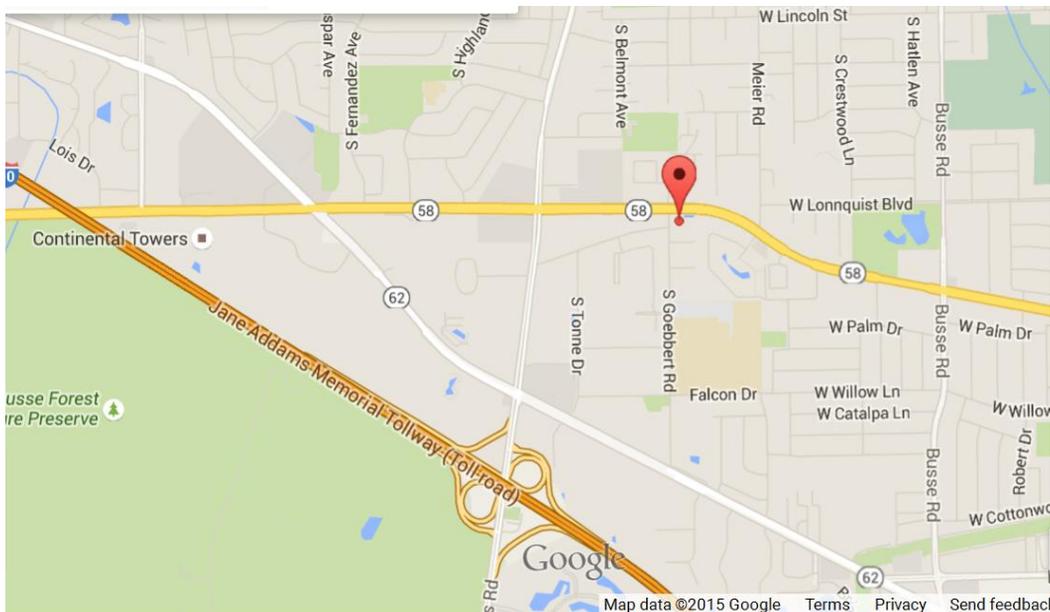
\$24.00 +/-

The Pack only requires the parents to purchase the Blue Cub Scout shirt. The Pack will provide all patches, segments, books, and neckerchiefs. You may want to purchase a *brag vest* to have a place to put the segments and patches that your son will earn over the next few years.



The Scout Shop is located at:
617 E. Golf Road #101
Arlington Heights, IL 60005
Phone: (312) 421-8800

Scout Shop Hours:
Mon. - Fri. 9am - 6pm
Sat. 9am - 2pm



Important Information

Our Pack Number: 199

Our Pack Meets: On the third Wednesday of the month during the school year

Pack Meeting Location: Nathan Hale Gymnasium
(enter from rear of building)

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BSA MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the Boy Scouts of America to serve others by helping to instill values in young people and in other ways prepare them to make ethical choices over their lifetime in achieving their full potential. As a parent, you want your son to grow up to be a person of worth, a self-reliant,



Tiger Cub Motto

Search, Discover, Share

Cub Scout Promise

I promise to do my best
To do my duty to God & my country,
To help other people, and
To obey the Law of the Pack.

Cub Scout Motto



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