

Welcome



To
Cub Scouting



Parent's Guide

Pack 333, Center Valley PA

<http://www.minsitrails333.org>

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Welcome to Cub Scouts!

Cub Scouts is a year-round family-oriented part of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) program designed for boys in first through fifth grade (ages 7 -10 years of age). The parents, adult leaders, along with the chartering organization work together to foster the 12 points of the purpose of cub scouting:

- Character Development
- Personal Achievement
- Citizenship
- Respect
- Fun and Adventure
- Friendly service
- Spiritual Growth
- Sportsmanship and Fitness
- Family Understanding
- Preparation for Boy Scouts

About Pack 333

Cub Scout Pack 333 is comprised of first through fifth grade boys, mostly from Hopewell Elementary and the Intermediate Schools. The pack utilizes a standardized structure. The boys are grouped together in dens. Each Den consists of an adult leader, called the Den Leader, and boys of the same grade. First graders are Tiger Cubs, second graders are Wolf Cubs, third graders are Bear Cubs, and fourth and fifth graders are Webelos.

Pack 333, along with other Cub Scout Packs and Boy Scout Troop comprise the South Mountain District. The South Mountain district is a part of the Minsi Trails Council. Each Cub Scout Pack is sponsored by a chartering organization, in our case it is Faith UCC Church on Rt. 378 and we appreciate the support they give us to provide your sons with a high quality program.

The pack is run by parent volunteers. Each of the volunteers plays an important role. The pack is run by the Pack committee, which is headed by the Committee Chair. The committee meets once a month to plan meetings and outings.

The Cubmaster is in charge of the monthly pack meeting and reports to the Pack Committee. The boys see the Cubmaster as an authority figure.

The Den Leaders are the ones who do the majority of the work in the pack. They plan and carry out the den meetings for each rank. Den Leaders engage parents to assist in the den meetings to greatest extent possible, both to make the Den Leader's job a little easier and to increase the boy's enjoyment. The Den Leaders report to the Cubmaster.

Your Role As a Parent

Cub Scouting encourages family participation. The program will provide multiple opportunities to take part in activities with your son that you normally might not do. Cub Scouting gives a way for the parent and son to build a closer relationship, and encourages spending quality time together. In this way Cub Scouting needs your involvement.

Parents play a vital role in Pack 333. The leaders do their very best to provide a quality program, but that doesn't happen without the support of each family. Cub Scouting is a family activity, thus we need each family to help deliver a top notch program by lending their time to the pack in some capacity throughout the year. Some of the things that you can do to help your son in Cub Scouting are:

- Provide support as a parent volunteer for your son's den
- Help with the pack program
- Work together on projects
- Help with the Rank achievements
- Participate in Pack meetings
- Go on campout opportunities

The pack has several opportunities for parents to help with the yearly program. Below is the different committee positions with a brief description that need to be filled in order for the Pack program to be successful. If you have any interest in helping on one of the committees please contact the Committee Chair or Cubmaster.

Brief Description of event leader responsibilities:

- **BLUE and GOLD:** Needs 2 people to help coordinate the hall arrangements and the theme and decorations.
- **Fall Festival:** Set up Fall pack meeting with games and fun at either a park or at the community hall
- **Spring Trip:** Set up travel arrangements and organize trip
- **Summer Time Activities:** Help develop the activities and organize the communication to the pack members
- **Summer Camp:** Start in Fall and provide skits and information on Summer Camp throughout year at Pack meeting. Organize payment and represent Pack at Camp.
- **Service project:** organize yearly project for the pack
- **Pinewood Derby:** Organize set up and running of the derby in January
- **Pinewood Derby kitchen:** Organize the kitchen food for the pinewood derby
- **Buddy Cake bake:** Organize the registration and awards for the pack meeting in March



PACK 333 Yearly Calendar



SEPTEMBER:

- Leaders' meeting-Faith UCC-
- Fall recruitment - Hopewell Elementary
- First Pack Meeting: Faith United Church of Christ-Den10 setup/close
 - Welcome back and welcome new scouts.
 - Popcorn Fundraiser Kickoff.

OCTOBER:

- Leaders' meeting
- SMD Fall Cub Scout Event
- Coopersburg Halloween Parade
 - Pack Meeting- Fall Festival- Fall Festival
 - 2nd Recruitment Night
 - POPCORN ORDERS DUE TO THERESA CRANDALL

NOVEMBER:

- Scouting for Food- drop off
- Scouting for Food-pick up
- Leaders' meeting-Faith UCC
- Popcorn Pick up
- Pack Meeting Den 2 setup/close
 - Broken Arrow Ceremony- Webelos

DECEMBER:

- Service Project- TBA
- Popcorn money due
- Leaders' meeting-Faith UCC
- Pack Meeting Den 5 setup/close
 - Santa/Holiday Party
 - Bobcat Advancement

JANUARY:

- Rechartering
- Leaders' meeting- Faith UCC
- Pinewood Derby
- Pack Meeting Camp In Den 4 -Tigers setup/open
 - Camp Kickoff
 - Camp In- Pick up Saturday morning at 7:00a.m.

FEBRUARY:

- Leaders' meeting-
- Blue & Gold Banquet
 - Webelo IIs cross over to Boy Scouts
 - All ranks advance

MARCH:

- Leaders' meeting
- District Pinewood Derby
- Pack Meeting **Den 1** setup/close
- Buddy Cake Bake

APRIL:

- Leaders' meeting
- Spring Trip-TBA
- Community Service- Church clean up-TBA

MAY:

- Leaders' meeting-
- Last Pack Meeting- **Den 5** setup/close

JUNE:

- Parent Camp meeting Leadership 2013-2014 Planning Meeting
- Summertime Events
- Resident Camp- (Sun.)- (Fri.)
- Day/Twilight Camp

JULY/AUGUST:

- Summertime Events
 - Iron Pigs August
 - Shankweilers Movie Camp over- September

Things You Can Do To Help your Cub Scout

1. Be Sure your boy Attends every Den Meeting possible. Remind him to be on his best behavior while he is there. He is a guest at the Den Meeting site.
2. Remember to sign his handbook for the requirements and electives he completes under your guidance, and remind him to bring his handbook to every Den Meeting.
3. Remind him to wear his uniform to the Den Meetings or Pack Meetings or his pack T-shirt as directed by his Den Leader. Have his uniform clean and have all the appropriate patches sewn on it their proper places so he looks great at all Scouting functions.
4. Be willing to help out with transportation for Den Meeting, field trip, etc. Help him provide a den snack when it is his turn.
5. **HELP HIM TO ACHIEVE!** Read his handbook, familiarize yourself with his rank requirements; many of them are done with the family or at home. Read the parent's supplement in the front of the handbook. Ask the Den leader if you have any questions or concerns about the rank requirements.
6. Make sure that your Cub Scout is doing his best. Don't sign off on achievements unless he has really earned each part of it. Don't count things that he did for his Wolf rank for his Bear rank. ***He must do each item during that rank's year.***
7. Attend Pack Meeting with your son. The entire family is invited to the Pack Meeting to see your son receive his advancements. Be alert of his behavior during the Pack Meetings: Den leaders are not solely responsible for your son or his actions during the Pack Meetings. This also holds true at Den Meetings or Pack outings.
8. Be willing to help with the Pack Yearly Program- Cub Scouts is Parent run not just by the Pack Leaders!
9. Always remember that Cub Scouting is family oriented. It is designed to help parents with their boys. The Pack cannot help your son grow without your help!

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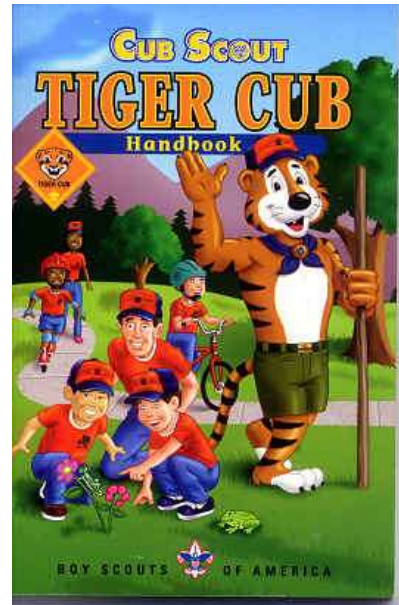
***“... The Cub Scout helps the Pack Go.
The Pack helps the Cub Scout Grow...”***

BADGES OF RANK AND ADVANCEMENT

	Bobcat	A diamond-shaped cloth badge, gold and black embroidered on light blue background with gold trim
	Tiger	A diamond-shaped cloth badge, black, gold and white embroidered on orange background with gold trim
	Wolf	A diamond-shaped cloth badge, brown and black embroidered on red background with gold trim
	Bear	A diamond-shaped cloth badge, brown and black embroidered on aqua background with gold trim
	Webelos	Either: A diamond-shaped cloth badge, gold and light blue embroidered on dark blue background with gold trim, or an oval-shaped cloth badge, gold and light blue embroidered on brown background with brown trim
	Arrow of Light	A rectangular cloth badge, gold embroidered on a khaki background with blue trim. This is the highest award in Cub Scouting and is the only Cub Scouting badge that may also be worn on the Boy Scout uniform

Tiger Program (1st Grade)

Cub Scouting begins with Tiger Cubs. The scout wears an orange neckerchief. The program includes exciting indoor and outdoor adventures that introduce your son to scouting. The program includes fun outings called a "Go See It" and den meetings. The Tiger program is different from the other ranks in Cub Scouting in that each Tiger Scout has a guardian with him at every event. This provides each scout with support and guidance through the year, while he learns to do things for himself. This program runs from June 1st to May 31st of the following year.



Immediate Recognition Emblems

The Tiger Cub Immediate Recognition Emblem is earned when they can demonstrate that they can:

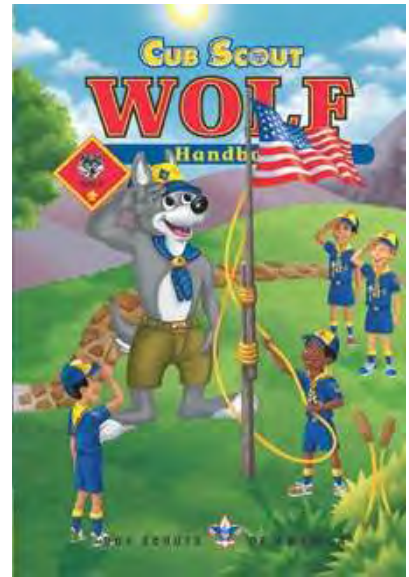
- 1) show the Cub Scout sign
- 2) Show the Cub Scout Salute
- 3) Say the Tiger cub motto

The Emblem is presented during the den meetings and is worn on the right pocket of the Tiger Cub's uniform.



Wolf Scout Program (2nd Grade)

This program asks the scouts to complete 58 tasks in 12 different themes. The scout wears a yellow neckerchief. The wolf scout will not have their guardian at every event, although the guardian signs off on the completed achievements. This program will help foster teamwork and friendship as the boys start to perform more, more on their own. The Den Meetings consist of games, skits, songs, crafts, and ceremonies and only periodic field trips. This program runs from June 1st to May 31st of the following year.



Bear Scout Program (3rd Grade)

The Bear Program focuses on four main topics: God, Country, family, and Self. The scout wears a light blue neckerchief. Within each of these topics the scouts must complete 12 of the 24 achievements. The Bear program requirements are harder and more challenging. The scouts are working together more and more and relying on their guardians less, although the guardian still signs off on the completed achievements. This program runs from June 1st to May 31st of the following year.



Immediate Recognition Emblem

The Wolf and Bear Cub Immediate Recognition Emblem is earned when they have completed 3 achievements. They receive yellow beads during the Wolf rank and Red beads during the Bear rank. The Emblem is presented during the den meetings and is worn on the right pocket of the Cub Scout uniform.



Arrow Points (Electives)

In addition to the rank requirements for the Wolf and Bear, there are additional electives that the scout can complete. After the Scout has completed the necessary requirements for his rank, he then may receive credit for any electives he has completed. The Scout will receive a Gold arrow point for the first ten electives. For every ten electives completed after that, he will receive a Silver Arrow point. Arrow points earned during the Wolf badge are located down and to the right of the Wolf badge. Arrows points earned during the Bear badge are located down and to the left of the Bear badge.



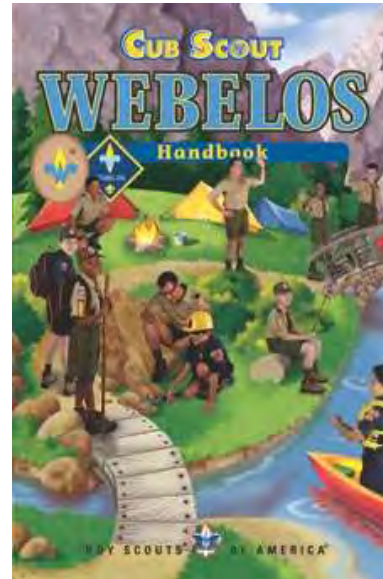
Webelos Program (4th and 5th Grades)

The Webelos badge is the fifth rank in Cub Scouting. The scout wears a plaid neckerchief. Webelos stands for **We'll BE LOyal Scouts**. The boys are working more and more as a patrol and preparing for the transition to Boy Scouts. The program is broken into 2 years. The first year your son will earn the Webelos badge. The second year the scouts work on activity pins to earn the highest award in Cub Scouting, the Arrow of Light. The Webelos rank involves more choices than the Bear rank. Instead of achievements there are now 20 activity pins that can be earned, divided into five groups of four each. The groupings are:

- Community
- Mental Skills
- Outdoor
- Physical Skills
- Technology

Webelos Colors

Webelos Colors are the way Webelos display the activity pins for the rank. The activity pins completed are worn on the Colors. The Colors are worn on the right shoulder.



Camping & Summer Time Family fun

During the summer the pack plans several outings that the entire family can enjoy. Attendance is not required but it is a great, inexpensive way to enjoy family time together. The schedule is handed out during the March Pack Meeting so you can plan. Some of the opportunities that Pack 333 provides are:

- Iron Pigs Sleepover
- Shankweiler's Movie Campout
- Bike hikes around Lehigh valley
- Trail Hikes
- Family picnic
- Putt U nite

One of the benefits of Scouting is exposing our sons to the Great Outdoors. We try to expose the scouts to camping early and often through camping. Besides being fun, family camping is a great opportunity for quality time together. We attend Akelaland Scout Residence Camp each year. This is a great opportunity for the scouts to complete several achievements in a very short time. The curriculum is set up into 4 groups:

- Outdoor Skills (fire building, plant identification)
- Shooting sports (Archery, BB Gun, Sling shot)
- Aquatics (pool, lake, fishing, boating)
- Free time

Second year Webelos (Webelos II's) have a separate program just for them, called the Pioneer Program. Pioneer Camp is a challenging optional program offered each week at Akelaland that is offered for **full week** Webelos II Scouts. Pioneer Camp provides Webelos II's with an excellent preview of the Boy Scout program. Activities are designed to introduce Webelos II's to the way a Boy Scout troop operates and the exciting opportunities offered in the Boy Scout Program.



Other Special Awards

There are other special awards that a Scout may earn, some only once, other repeatedly.

Religious Emblem Award

Duty to God is a Key point at all levels of Scouting. "The Boys Scout of America maintains that no member can grow into the best kind of citizen without recognizing an obligation to God and, therefore, recognizes the religious element in the training of the member, but it is absolutely nonsectarian in its attitude toward that religious training. Its policy is that the home and organization or group with which a member is connected shall give definite attention to religious life"

There is a religious award program for most recognized faiths. You can pick up the award program for you faith at the Minsi Trails Council Scout shop.

Regardless of the award earned, a Cub Scout completing one of the religious Emblem programs will earn the religious square knot to be worn on his Scout uniform. Adult leaders can also earn the religious square knot but they must be nominated for it for actions for their religious institution. The award is worn over the left front pocket.



Youth Award



Adult Award

Recruiter Patch

The patch is presented to boys for recruiting another boy into the program. The patch is worn at the bottom of the right front pocket.



World Conservation Award

The Cub Scout version of this award can be earned by either, a Wolf, Bear, or Webelos Scout. This can only be earned once in Cub Scouting. The requirements become harder the higher the Scout rank. Regardless of the rank, the scout must participate in a den or pack conservation project. This is a temporary patch that is worn on the right front pocket. Check your son's scout hand book for the requirements necessary to earn this award.



Leave No Trace Award

The Cub Scout version of this award can be earned by either, a Wolf, Bear, or Webelos Scout. The Leave No Trace Award is a plan that helps scouts be more concerned about the environment. It also helps the scouts learn how to protect it for future generations. This is a temporary patch that is worn on the right front pocket. Check your son's scout hand book for the requirements necessary to earn this award.



Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award

Tiger Cubs, Wolf and Bear Scouts, and Webelos Scouts have the opportunity to the Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award. The requirements for the award become successfully harder as the scout progresses through the ranks. All the ranks require the Cub Scout to attend either Cub Scout Day Camp or Resident camp. A patch is awarded to the scout the first time he completes the requirements. Each successful time the award is earned, a wolf track pin may be added to the flap. Check your son's scout hand book for the requirements necessary to earn this award. The award is worn on the right front pocket flap.



Academic and Sports Beltloops and Pins

The Academic and Sports Program of the Cub Scouts is yet another way to acknowledge personal achievement on part of the Cub Scout while promoting a balance between the physical and intellectual development of the scout.

There are two levels of achievement in 53 subjects: 28 sports activities and 25 academic activities:

The sports activities currently available are:

Archery*, BB Gun Shooting*, Badminton, Baseball, Basketball, Bicycling, Bowling, Fishing, Flag Football, Physical Fitness, Golf, Gymnastics, Hiking, Hockey, Horseback Riding, Ice Skating, Kickball, Marbles, Roller Skating, Skateboarding, Snow Ski and BoardSports, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, Ultimate, Volleyball.

**Archery and BB Gun Shooting can only be earned at summer resident camp*

The academic activities currently available are:

Art, Astronomy, Chess, Citizenship, Collecting, Communicating, Computers, Disabilities Awareness, Family Travel, Geography, Geology, Good Manners, Heritages, Language & Culture, Map & Compass, Mathematics, Music, Nutrition, Pet Care, Photography, Reading and Writing, Science, Video Games, Weather, Wildlife Conservation.

The first level is the belt loop. Each belt loop has 3 requirements, which is not hard for the scout to achieve. The beltloops are worn on a webbed belt.

The second level of achievement is the Academic and Sports Pin. This level is significantly more challenging and requires the scout to complete the requirements for the beltloop plus 5 additional achievements for the pin.

The requirements for each subject maybe found at the Minsi Trails Council Scout Shop, or online at

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



Putting on the only Uniform you'll ever need!

PACK 333

SCOUTING UNIFORM CHECKLIST

(Take this form with you when you go to the scout shop)

Pack Number: **333**

Den Number: ___ (get this number from your den leader)

My son is a (check one):

- ___ Tiger Cub (first grade)
- ___ Wolf Cub (second grade)
- ___ Bear Cub (third grade)
- ___ Webelo (fourth or fifth grade)

TIGER, WOLF & BEAR CUB SCOUTS: (approximate cost \$60-\$75 as of 9/01/13)

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|---|--|
| Short Sleeve blue shirt | Minsi Trails Council Patch |
| Neckerchief (Tiger, Wolf or Bear) | World Crest Emblem |
| Neckerchief Slide (Tiger, Wolf or Bear) | "333" Pack Number Patches |
| Tiger, Wolf or Bear C.S. Book | |
| Den Numeral Strip (ask leader optional) | Cub Scout Belt/Buckle (recommended but optional) |
| | Tiger, Wolf or Bear C.S. Hat (optional) |

WEBELOS: (approximate cost \$70- \$85 as of 9/01/13)

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|--|---------------------------------------|
| Short Sleeve khaki shirt | Minsi Trails Council Patch |
| Neckerchief (Webelos) | World Crest Emblem |
| Neckerchief Slide (Webelos) | "333" Pack Number Patches |
| Webelos Colors | Den/Patrol Numeral Strip (ask leader) |
| Blue Shoulder Loops | Webelos Handbook |
| Webelos Hat (optional) | |
| Cub Scout Belt and Webelos Buckle (optional) | |

Pack 333 does not require our scouts to wear official Cub Scout shorts, pants or socks. We only ask that you dress neatly.

The above uniform is called our Class "A". The Class "A" uniform is worn to all Pack meetings, scouting events and when selling popcorn.

Pack 333 also has a blue or white T-shirt, which is called our Class "B". The Class "B" can only be purchased through our pack (*it is not available at the Scout Shop*). The Class "B" is \$10 per shirt and is available for purchase at Pack meetings. This shirt is worn at den meetings and summer activities as designated by the Pack Leaders.

Where Can I Buy Scouting Materials?

All scouting materials are available locally through the Minsi Trails Council Scout shop. The Scout Shop is located at the following address:

Minsi Trails



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One-Stop
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Monday: 9 AM to 5 PM
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Wednesday: 9 AM to 7 PM
Thursday: 9 AM to 7 PM
Friday: 9 AM to 5 PM
Saturday: 10 AM to 2 PM
Closed on Sunday

991 Postal Rd.
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Where Does It Go?

Uniform and Patch Placement

CUB SCOUT AND WEBELOS SCOUT INSIGNIA

SHOULDER SEAM



CUB SCOUT
OR WEBELOS SCOUT
RIGHT SLEEVE



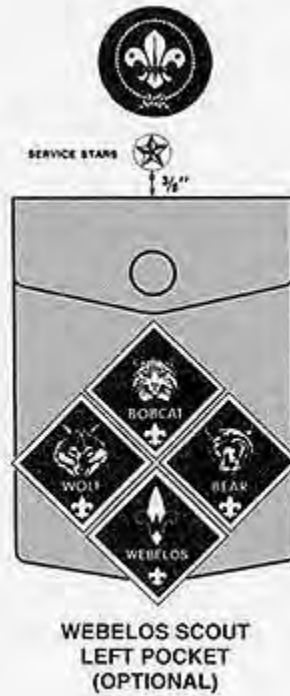
WEBELOS SCOUT
RIGHT SLEEVE



LEFT SLEEVE



CUB SCOUT
LEFT POCKET



WEBELOS SCOUT
LEFT POCKET
(OPTIONAL)



WEBELOS SCOUT
LEFT POCKET

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



RIGHT POCKET*

* Webelos Scouts wear the compass points emblem in place of the Progress Toward Ranks badge.

Suggested Useful Web Sites

The following web sites may be useful to you for gathering information about the Pack 333 and Cub Scouting:

- Pack website: <http://www.minsitrails333.org>
- Minsi Trails Council: <http://www.minsitrails.com>
- Boy Scouts of America: <http://www.scouting.org>
- General Cub Scouting Information: <http://www.boyscouttrail.com/cub-scouts/cub-scouts.asp>