

Cub Scout Pack 124

2021-2022

Parent Handbook



Where Character Counts and the Adventure Begins!



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Welcome to Cub Scout Pack 124!

We are so glad you have chosen to be part of the world of Scouting. Cub Scouting is a fun and rewarding experience that will benefit not only your children, but also your entire family. The experience and knowledge they will gain from Scouting will help them for the rest of their life. Cub Scout **Pack 124** of Parkville, Maryland, is chartered by the **St. Isaac Jogues Church**. We are part of the **Dulaney District** of the **Baltimore Area Council** of the Boy Scouts of America. We are a Journey to Excellence Gold Award Pack and proud of our program and activities. Our program is a year-round program that strives to achieve the goals, ideals, and purposes of the Boy Scouts of America.



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This guide was written to help answer your questions about Cub Scouting and Pack 124. Our Pack leaders are looking forward to a great year of Cub Scouting, and we hope you are too!

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What is Cub Scouting?

Build an Adventure!

Since 1930, the Boy Scouts of America has helped younger scouts through Cub Scouting. It is a year-round family program designed for scouts who are in Kindergarten through fifth grade (or 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 years of age). Parents, leaders, and organizations work together to achieve the purposes of Cub Scouting. Currently, Cub Scouting is the largest of the BSA's three membership divisions; the others are Scouting BSA and Venturing.



The 10 purposes of Cub Scouting are:

- Character Development
- Spiritual Growth
- Good Citizenship
- Sportsmanship & Fitness
- Family Understanding
- Respectful Relationships
- Personal Achievement
- Friendly Service
- Fun & Adventure
- Preparation for Boy Scouts.

The uniqueness of Cub Scouting is that you, as their family, join the program with your child. You will help them along the way. The family is the basis of the Cub Scout program. Cub Scouting exists to support your family and help enrich your family activities. Scouts have a different handbook at each grade level with suggested activities that are age- appropriate for their developmental level. As scouts “advance” through these books by working on activities with their family, they will earn badges and other recognition which may be worn on their Cub Scout uniform.

Your child's success in Cub Scouting depends on you!

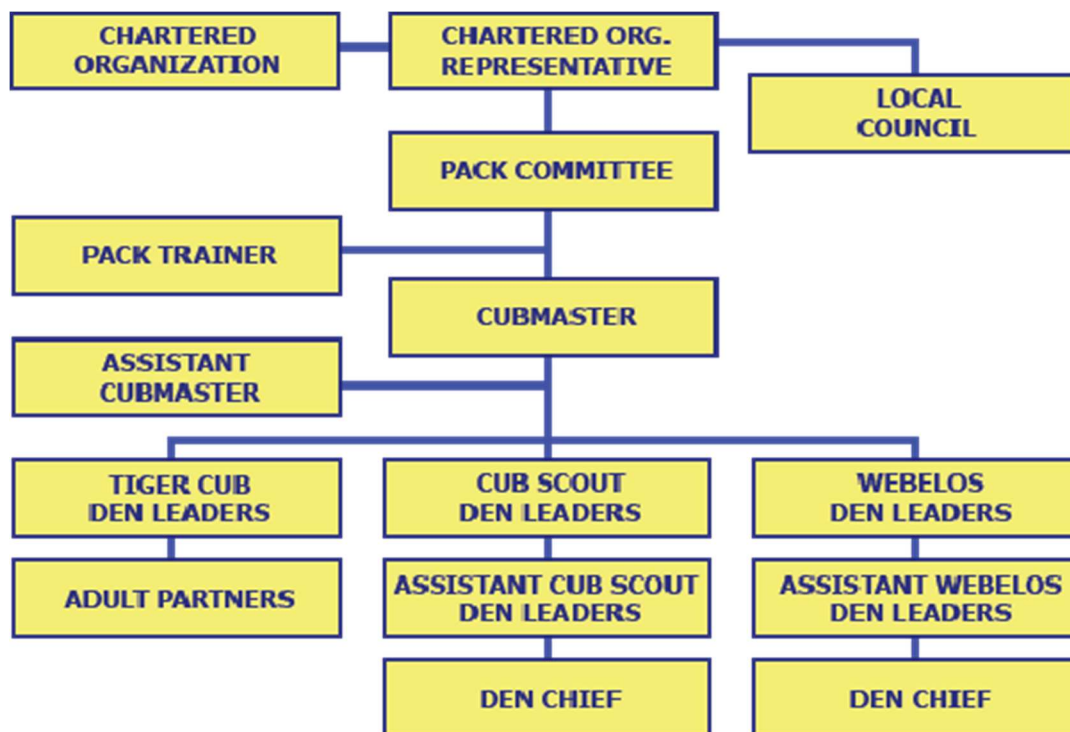
The Cub Scout program is further enhanced at two other levels. Your scout will be a part of a “den” – a small group of scouts in the same grade level who meet at least once a month. All our dens make up a “pack.” Once a month, all dens meet together at the pack meeting, a family event which gives Scouts an opportunity to show and be recognized for the badges they have earned and have fun!



For every 100 boys who join Scouting, records indicate:

- 4 will become Eagle Scouts.
- 12 will have their first contact with a church and 1 will enter the clergy.
- 18 will develop a hobby that will last through their adult life.
- 8 will enter a vocation that was learned through the Scouting program.
- 1 will use their Scouting skills to save his own life.
- 1 will use their Scouting skills to save the life of another person.

Pack Organization



The Chartered Organization

Every Cub Scout Pack, Scouting BSA Troop, Varsity Scout Team, and Venturing Crew belongs to an organization with interests similar to those of the BSA. This organization, which might be a church, school, community organization, or group of interested citizens, receives a charter from the BSA to use the Scouting program. This chartered organization provides a suitable meeting place, adult leadership, supervision, and opportunities for a healthy Scouting life for the boys under its care. **Pack 124 is chartered by St. Isaac Jogues.** Our Charter Organization Representative is **Paul DeSimone**.

The Pack Committee

The Pack Committee is a group of adult volunteers who plan the Pack program and individual activities as well as managing such things as record keeping, finances, leadership recruitment, and registration. Our Pack Committee currently consists of several members – Chairperson, Treasurer, Camping Coordinator, Advancements, Popcorn Kernel, Outdoor Activity Chair, Blue & Gold Chair, and several At-Large representatives. The committee meets monthly to ensure that all Cub Scouts, and Webelos Scouts receive a year-round, quality program.



The Pack

The Pack is a group made up of several dens: Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, and Arrow of Light Scouts. Pack 124 has at least one den for each grade level. The Pack includes not only the scouts in those dens, but also their families, and their leaders. The Pack meets once a month with the Cub Scouts, leaders, parents and other family members attending. The Pack meeting is the climax of the month's den meetings and activities. It gives the dens something to look forward to and work toward. This is a chance to recognize the scouts, their parents, and their leaders. The Pack meetings are led by the Cubmaster.

The Den

A Cub Scout Pack is divided into small groups of about eight to ten scouts called dens, who meet monthly under the direction of adult Den Leaders. The Den Leaders are trained parent volunteers. The den allows scouts to get to know each other better and engage in activities that would be difficult in a larger group. The den also provides leadership opportunities for the scouts as they elect "denners" or help to teach each other.

Den meeting activities include games, handicrafts, service projects, hikes and other outdoor fun. The Den may practice skits in preparation for the next Pack meeting or take part in simple ceremonies and songs. Most Den meetings include work on advancement requirements, but some of that work is done at home by the scouts with their parents. The Den Leaders may ask for occasional help from parents such as assisting with a meeting, sharing a special skill, or just providing a snack for the scout.

How Packs Fit into BSA

Each Pack is a member of a district, a geographic area of the BSA local council that helps support the pack in providing a successful and high-quality program. An employee of the local council, a unit-serving executive (district executive), is assigned to assist the packs in your district. Your district also has a volunteer team called the Commissioner Staff. They are a "service team" that checks on the program "health" of your pack, and they are a communication link between your pack and the local council. A commissioner is assigned specifically to assist your unit. **Pack 124 is part of the Dulaney District in the Baltimore Area Council of BSA.** Our District Executive is **Cory Bolt**.



Advancement & Awards

Lion

Scouts who are in kindergarten, or who are age 6, work toward the Lion rank. The Lion rank is earned by completing the five adventures: Lion's Honor, Animal Kingdom, Fun on the Run!, King of the Jungle, Mountain Lion. Outside of the requirements, Lion Scouts can also complete any number of seven elective adventures of their den's or family's choosing. Kindergartners, who are Lions, do not work on the Bobcat Badge.



Bobcat

All scouts joining Cub Scouts (grades 1-5) earn the Bobcat badge first. They learn the Cub Scout Promise, Law of the Pack, handshake, salute, sign, motto, and meaning of "Webelos." After receiving the Bobcat badge, each Scout works on requirements based on his grade level. A Scout may earn belt loops and other awards before earning their Bobcat, but they will not be presented those awards until they become a Bobcat.



Tiger

The Tiger rank is for scouts who are in first grade or are age 7. To earn the Tiger badge, a scout must complete six required adventures with his den or family and one elective adventure of his den or family's choosing. As the scout completes each adventure, he will receive the adventure loop for that adventure, which he can wear on his belt. When the scout has completed the seven required adventures, they can receive the Tiger badge. The Tiger badge is given to the scout's adult partner at a pack meeting. Then, during a grand ceremony, the adult gives the badge to the scout.



After they earned the Tiger badge, a Tiger Scout can work on the remaining 12 Tiger electives until they finishes first grade (or turn 8 years old). Scouts can choose elective adventures that may show them new hobbies and teach them skills that will be useful during his Scouting BSA years. When they completes an elective adventure, the scouts receive an additional adventure loop to wear on their belt.

Wolf

The Wolf rank is for scouts who have finished first grade (or who are 8 years old). To earn the Wolf badge, a scout must complete six required adventures and one elective adventure. Their parent or guardian and den leader approves each requirement by signing their book, and the scout receives an adventure loop for each adventure. When the scout has met all requirements, the Wolf badge is presented to their parent or guardian at the next pack meeting. During a bridging ceremony, the parent or guardian then presents the badge to their scout.



After the scout has earned the Wolf badge, a Wolf Scout can work on the remaining 12 Wolf electives until they finishes second grade (or turns 9 years old). They can choose elective adventures that may show them new hobbies and teach them skills that will be useful during their Scout BSA years. When a scout completes an elective adventure, a scout receives an additional adventure loop to wear on their belt.

Bear

The Bear rank is for scouts who have finished second grade (or who are 9 years old). To earn the Bear badge, a scout must complete six required adventures and one elective adventure. Their parent or guardian and den leader approves each requirement by signing their book, and the scout receives an adventure loop for each adventure. When the scout has met all requirements, the Bear badge is presented to their parent or guardian at the next pack meeting. During a bridging ceremony, the parent or guardian then presents the badge to the scout.



After the scout has earned the Bear badge, a Bear Scout can work on the remaining 12 Bear electives until they finishes third grade (or turn 10 years old). A scout can choose elective adventures that may show them new hobbies and teach them skills that will be useful during their Scouting BSA years. When they completes an elective adventure, they receives an additional adventure loop to wear on their belt.

Webelos

Webelos dens are for scouts who have completed third grade (or reached age 10). Webelos Scouts get to work on the five required Webelos adventures and choose two of the 18 elective adventures that are shared by the Webelos and Arrow of Light ranks. When a scout has done the requirements for an adventure, the Webelos den leader, rather than a parent, approves most of the adventures. For each adventure a scout completes, they receive a pin to wear on the Webelos colors or on their hat. After completing seven adventures, including five required adventures and two elective adventures, a Scout can receive the Webelos badge.



After a scout has earned the Webelos badge, a Webelos Scout can work on the remaining 18 shared Webelos and Arrow of Light electives until they finish fifth grade. A Scout can choose elective adventures that may show them new hobbies and teach them skills that will be useful during their Scouting BSA years. When they completes an elective adventure, they receives an additional adventure pin to wear on the Webelos colors or on his hat.

Arrow of Light

The highest rank in Cub Scouting is the Arrow of Light. Earning this rank prepares a Webelos Scout to enter Scouting BSA. Scouts must complete four required adventures and three elective adventures to earn the Arrow of Light rank. For each adventure a scout completes, they receive a pin to wear on the Webelos colors or on his hat.



The Arrow of Light badge is the only Cub Scout badge that can be worn on the Scouting BSA uniform when a scout graduates into a troop. Adult leaders who earned the Arrow of Light rank when they were young may also show their achievement by wearing a special square knot on their adult uniform



Other Awards Cub Scouts Can Earn:

Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award

Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos Scouts may earn the Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award. This award recognizes the Scout for taking part in outdoor recreation and conservation projects. In many cases, you can earn this award while doing other Scouting activities.



Religious Emblems

To encourage members to grow stronger in their faith, many religious groups have programs for young people to earn a religious emblem. The Boy Scouts of America approves of these programs and allows the religious emblems to be worn on the official uniform. For a list of emblems programs, and a list of awards provided by each faith or religious group, see the BSA Religious Emblems Programs page at <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Awards/ReligiousAwards.aspx>.

Cub Scout World Conservation Award

The World Conservation Award for Cub Scouts provides an opportunity for individual Wolf, Bear, and Webelos Scouts to “think globally” and “act locally” to preserve and improve our environment. This program is designed to make youth members aware that all nations are closely related through natural resources, and that we are interdependent with our world environment.



International Spirit Award

Once you complete the World Conservation Award you can go further and learn about International Scouting. By learning about world scouting movement, scouts gain an understanding of other countries games, food, language, program, similarities and differences. It requires attending a Jamboree on the Air/Internet and getting together a donation for the World Friendship Fund.



Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award

Cub Scouts who are interested in learning more about outdoor ethics and Leave No Trace may earn the Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award. The Outdoor Ethics Action Award asks Scouts to use their new knowledge to take steps to improve their outdoor skills



Shooting Sport Awards

Cub Scout shooting sports programs may be conducted only on a district or council level. Archery, BB gun shooting, and slingshot shooting are restricted to day camps, Cub Scout/Webelos Scout resident camps, council-managed family camping programs, or to council activities where there are properly trained supervisors and all standards for BSA shooting sports are enforced.



These are just a few of the awards that your scout can earn through the Cub Scouts. Please visit the official BSA website to find a full list of awards.

Mechanics of Advancements and Awards

Delivering the Cub Scout Program

Den leaders, Cubmasters, and their assistants conduct meetings implementing the three steps in Cub Scout advancement: *preparation*, *qualification*, and *recognition*. Cub Scouts—even those of the same age—may have very different developmental timetables. For this reason, advancement performance in Cub Scouting is centered on its motto: “Do Your Best.” When a scout has done this—their very best—then regardless of the requirements for any rank or award, it is enough; accomplishment is noted. This is why den leaders, assistants, and parents or guardians are involved in approvals.

Advancement Basics

Scout advancement is managed through each Den Leader with assistance from the Pack Advancement Chair. Den Leaders should be the primary point of contact for questions regarding advancement and awards for your scout. Advancement and awards are primarily earned through Pack or Den meetings and events.

Scouts may also work on advancement requirements and awards outside of Pack or Den meetings. In this case, parents should email the Den Leader information regarding the activity or event where the scout complete the requirements. Please be sure to include a short summary that includes information such as date, type of event or activity, requirements completed, and a picture if possible.

Webelos and Arrow of Light Advancement

Just as with the previous ranks, Cub Scouts complete a specified number of adventures as they earn the Webelos and Arrow of Light ranks. These ranks have some additional requirements in addition to the adventures. For the Webelos rank, Scouts must have completed the third grade (or be 10 years old) and must be an active member of the Webelos den for three months. For the Arrow of Light rank, Scouts must be active in the Webelos den for at least six months since completing the fourth grade (or since becoming 10 years old). An adventure pin is awarded for each completed adventure. These may be worn on the Webelos colors or on the front of the Webelos cap. The scouts are free to work on required and elective adventure pins at the same time.

Arrow of Light is Cub Scouting's final rank before Scouting BSA. Much of the experience gives the Cub Scouts the chance to practice skills that prepare them to join Scouting BSA. Once completed, this rank should be presented during a bridging ceremony involving Scouts from a local Scout troops. Their involvement may encourage the eventual "bridging" of recipients into the troop. Pack 124 holds our annual Arrow of Light ceremony at our March Pack meeting.

The minimum age for a Cub Scout who has earned the Arrow of Light Award to become a Scout in Scouting BSA is 10 ½ years old. The requirements for joining Scouting BSA, as stated in the *Boy Scout Handbook*, include the following: "Be a scout who is 11 years old, or one who has completed the fifth grade or earned the Arrow of Light Award and is at least 10 ½ years old..."

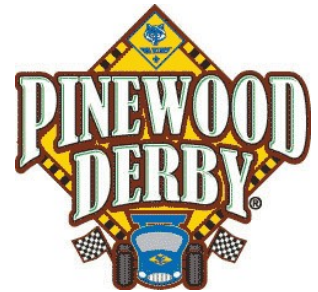
Pack 124 believes that the two year Webelos program is important for learning and charter development. Thus we will not offer a fast track (one year) Den program for older fourth graders. We will support individual scouts who wish to complete both the Webelos Badge and Arrow of Light in one year. Scouts interested in bridging to Scouting BSA at 10 ½ years of age will need to complete some requirements outside of Den events or activities. Pack 124 strongly encourages these scouts to attend the Dulaney District Day Camp and Broad Creeks Camp OEST in the summer between their Bear and Webelos ranks. These programs will assist the scouts in fast tracking their advancement. Individual scouts should work with their Den Leader to communicate advancements completed outside of Den meeting to ensure that they are recoded properly.

More information about the mechanics of advancement can be found at <https://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/GuideToAdvancement/MechanicsofAdvancement/CubScouting.aspx>.

Special Cub Scout Events

The Pinewood Derby

The Pinewood Derby is one of the most popular and memorable programs in Cub Scouts. The Scout, with help from a parent, builds a wooden race car from a kit. Parents and siblings are welcome to build their own cars as well. Pack 124 hosts a Build Night event each year at our January Pack meeting. The Pinewood Derby is held on a Saturday afternoon. It is a festive event for the whole Pack. The gravity-powered cars are raced down a large race track with computerized line judge. Trophies are awarded for racing and design winners. There are separate divisions for each Den level, siblings, and best car designs.



The Blue and Gold Banquet

In 1933 "Cub Leaders' Round Table" suggested Parent/Cub dinners. Soon thereafter, Pack 1 of Michigan City started a tradition of pot-lucks where the dads were to bring utensils made of wood; whittled by the Cub with his dad. In the 1930s father/son "bean dinners" and "Cub family dinners" began to become commonplace. Finally, in 1943 the name "Blue and Gold Banquet" first appeared in BSA literature, and became synonymous with "celebrating the birthday of Scouting." Today, the Blue and Gold banquet is one of the highlights of the program year. It brings together our Pack's families for an evening of fun and friendship. This year's Blue and Gold banquet will be an evening event with desserts and coffee.



Camping

There are lots of opportunities for family camping in Cub Scouting! Our Pack has a family campout each fall. We also have a Pack 124 campout every spring. The Pack has camped out at State Parks throughout Maryland including: Calvert Cliffs, Sandy Point, Elk Neck, Mt. Washington, Fort Fedrick, Cedarville State Forrest, etc.

Webelos participate in even more camping events as they prepare to join a Scouting BSA Troop. Webelos campouts will be done on a den level and will be coordinated through our Webelos Den Leaders.

Pack Rocket Night & Rain Gutter Regatta

Pack 124 has a year round Scouting Program including participating in local Council and District Sponsored Summer Camps. Rocket Night is generally held in the field of Pine Grove Middle and we have a Potluck Pack Picnic. Each scout will have an opportunity to launch the Rocket that they build and have a fun evening with the Pack over the Summer. The other annual event held yearly over the summer are our Rain Gutter Regatta event, which consists of a pizza party and boat races at a variety of locations. These events generally happen on an evening in July & August. Scouting fun never stops!

District Day Camp

The Dulaney District host a week long day camp for scouts every summer. This camp is usually offered during the last week of June and is held at the Baltimore County Game and Fish Club in Parkville. Every Pack must have one volunteer for every 5 boys who attend. More information about this camp will be distributed in February or March. This camp usually costs \$150 for five days of camp. Discounts are offered for volunteers.

<http://www.baltimorebsa.org/program/camping-and-outdoors/day-camp/48133>

Camp OEST Summer Camp

Broad Creek Scout Camp offers several summer camp opportunities for Cub Scouts each year through Camp OEST. Our Pack usually tries to attend one, of the 3 or 4 day sessions together. This is probably one of the best experiences of the year. We will distribute Camp OEST registration information during the spring. <http://www.broadcreekbsa.org/summer-camp/oest/cub-scout-summer-camp-registration/49768>

The Uniform

The uniform is an important part of the Scouting program as it has been since scouting was first started. The uniform identifies the scouts and adults with Cub Scouts and gives them a sense of belonging to the den, the pack, and the Boy Scouts of America. Scouts should wear their uniform to all den meetings, pack meeting, and special pack activities.

The Lion Cub Scout uniform has the following parts:

Shirt - The official Lion t-shirt.

Belt - Official navy-blue web belt with metal buckle.

Cap - The Pack 124 cap or the Official navy-blue Lion cap.

Neckerchief – Optional. The lion has its own neckerchief.

Neckerchief slide – Optional. If you wear a neckerchief you need a slide to keep it on. There will be lots of opportunities to make and buy slides.

Official uniform pants, shorts and Cub Scout socks are optional. Use of these items for Lions is decided by the den leader and families in the den.

The Cub Scout uniform has the following parts:

Shirt - The official uniform shirt is available with long or short sleeves and has button-flap pockets and "Scouting BSA" lettered in gold above the right pocket.

Trousers or shorts - Official blue.

Belt - Official navy-blue web belt with metal buckle and Tiger, Cub Scout, or Webelos Scout emblem.

Socks – Optional. Official socks are available in three lengths: ankle, crew, and knee. Tigers' socks are navy blue with orange tops. Cub Scouts' socks are navy blue with gold tops.

Cap - The Pack 124 cap or the Official navy-blue cap with orange front panel and tiger cub emblem for Tigers; yellow/red panel and wolf emblem for Wolf Scouts; blue panel and bear emblem for Bear Scouts. Webelos Scouts wear an olive cap with a plain panel bearing the Webelos logo.

Neckerchief - Scouts should wear their den level neckerchief provided by the Pack for their age group.

Neckerchief slide – There are a variety of Neckerchief slides available. You can also purchase the BSA official gold-tone metal slide with the Tiger, Cub Scout, or Webelos Scout logo. Boys may wear handmade neckerchief slides.



Webelos Uniform

Webelos Scouts should wear the tan/olive uniform similar to the one that Scouting BSA wear. We are still in the "Phase In" period for this uniform. For scouts in the Webelos I Den, the Blue Uniform will still be acceptable.

Scouts wear the official Scouting BSA olive trousers or shorts and official Scouting BSA tan long- or short-sleeved shirt with blue shoulder loops. Official olive socks (with red tops) are worn with the tan/olive uniform.

All Webelos Scouts should wear the Webelos neckerchief (plaid with the Webelos emblem), the Webelos neckerchief slide (handmade slides are also acceptable), the Pack 124 cap or the Webelos cap, and Webelos belt buckle.



Pack 124 T-Shirts (Class B uniform)

Pack 124 will be orders and has on hand pack t-shirts. The shirts make our Pack highly visible on outings, which is especially helpful when we are out and about in a crowd. All scouts are provided with a shirt upon registration and can purchase more as they outgrow/have too much fun in their shirt. Class B uniforms are perfect scout activities where we are getting messy and don't want to mess up our Class A uniforms.



Where to Get the Uniform

You can purchase uniforms and Scout supplies from the Baltimore Council Scout Shop. Shop locations and hours can be found at www.baltimorebsa.org/scout-shops. You can also order uniforms online at www.scoutstuff.org

The Baltimore Scout Shop in Baltimore City

800 Wyman Park Drive
Baltimore, MD 21211
410-338-0144 - Store

Where Do the Patches Go?

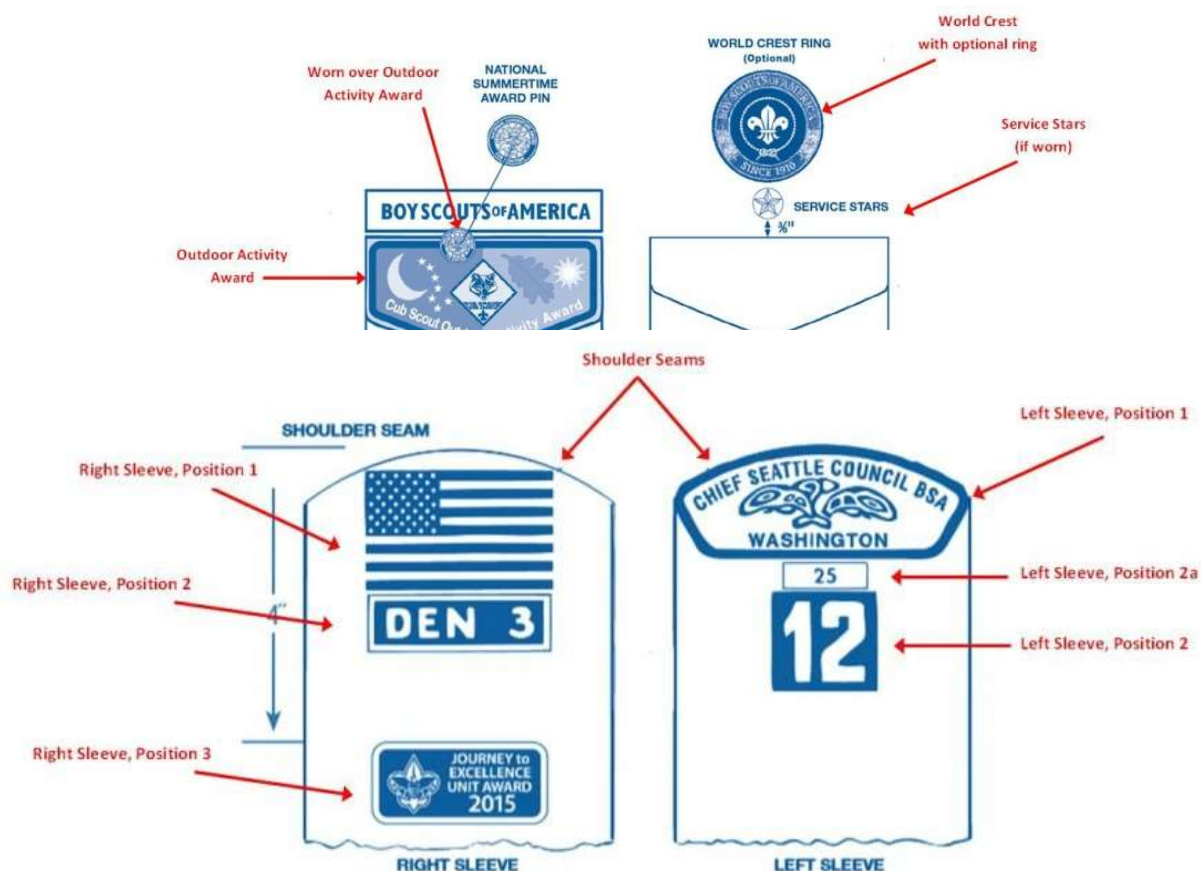


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CubScoutIdeas.com

How to Wear the Neckerchief



1. Fold the long edge over several small flat folds to about 6 inches from the tip of the neckerchief. A tight fold prevents gathering around the neck and is more efficient than rolling or twirling.
2. Place around the neck over turned-under collar of uniform shirt. Or, wear under shirt collar if desired.
3. Draw neckerchief slide over ends and adjust to fit snugly. Let neckerchief ends hang loose.
4. The portion of the neckerchief showing below the back of the neck should measure no more than 6 inches.
5. A neckerchief slide should be worn with the neckerchief. Be careful to bend in the metal “tabs” on the back of the slide to firmly hold it in place.

Pack 124 on Scoutbook



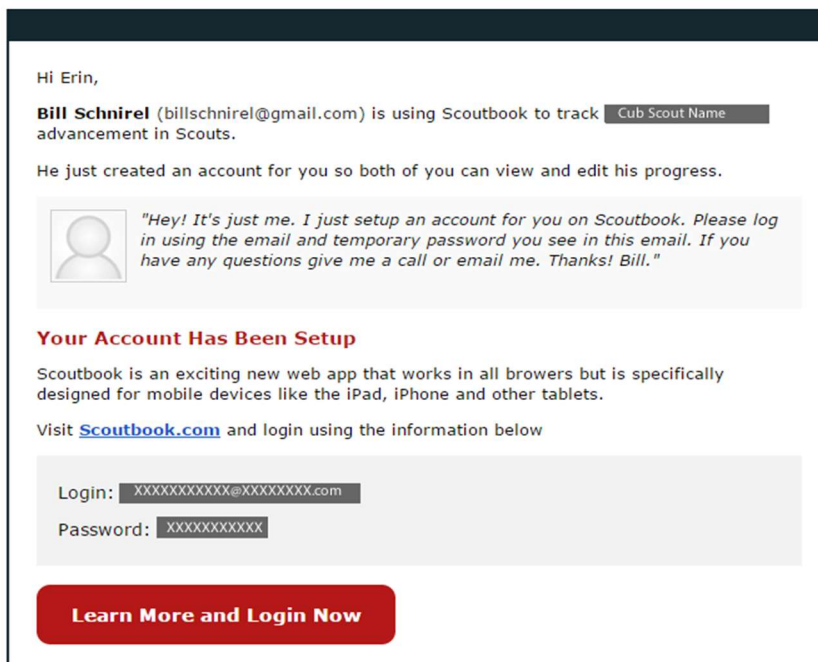
Scoutbook delivers a suite of easy-to-use Web-based tools that are helpful to both Scouts and unit leaders. It is a unit-management Web application that will become the one-stop shop for Scouts, parents, and unit leaders to record and manage their Scouting experience. This tool will provide an easy way to track advancements, unit activities, and unit communications.

Activating your Account

Step 1: You will receive an email to connect to your account.

You must connect to your account via the email from Pack 124 for your account to be properly linked.





Step 2: Create user name and password.



Questions about your Scoutbook account should be discussed with Pack 124's Advancement Chair.

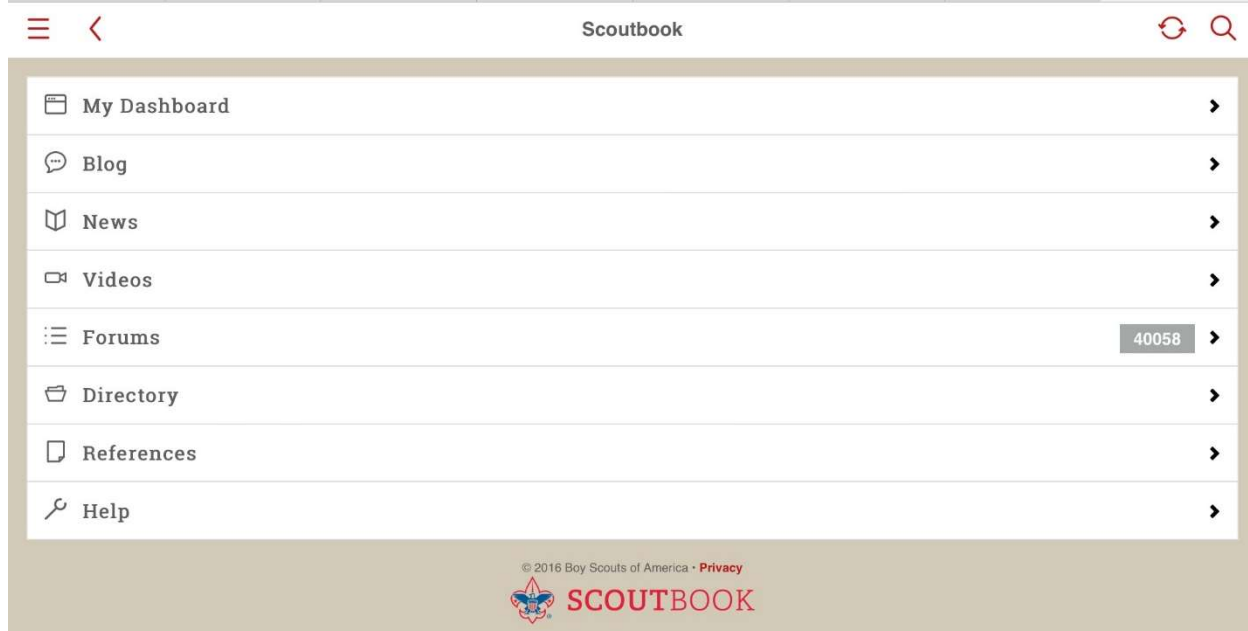
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Scoutbook Home Page

Click the My Dashboard button to go to your account home page.

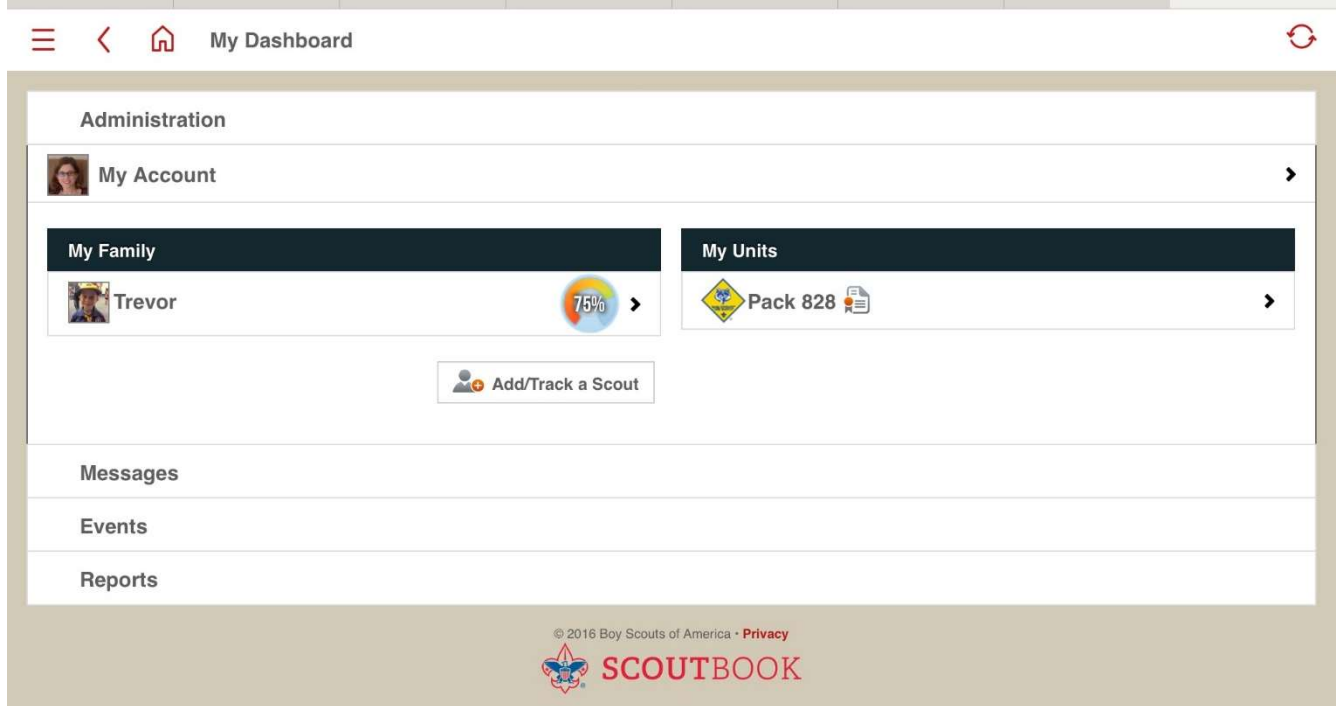


Additional links found on this page:

- Scoutbook Blog – provides information about Scoutbook development
- News – BSA and Scoutbook news releases
- Videos – user uploaded videos on various topics
- Forums – discussion forums on various topics, including a Pack 828 specific forum
- Directory – links to BSA council and district websites
- References – links to Scouting information including oath, law, motto, etc.
- Help – FAQs, privacy statement, terms of use, etc

My Dashboard Page

Provides access to your account, your scouts's account, and Pack 124.



Additional links found on this page:

- Messages – allows you to email and/or text Pack 124 contacts
- Events – takes you to a list of upcoming Den and Pack events
- Reports - allows you to look at BSA rank reports for you scout





My Account Page


Let's begin setting up your profile.

Step 1: Click on photo icon at the top left and upload a photo.


Step 2: Review email and password information

Step 3: Click Edit Profile

 My Account



Add a short bio about yourself.



Email	luthervillepack828@gmail.com	>
Password	*****	>
Edit Profile		>
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Additional links found on this page:

- My Service Log – allows you to track your service hours
- My Camping Log – allows you to track your camping nights
- My Hiking Log –allows you to track your hiking activity
- My Positions – shows positions held with Pack 828. Please ask a current leader if you are interesting in learning more about volunteering with Pack 828
- My Training – used to track training requirements for adult leaders
- My Awards – currently being developed
- My Connections - shows accounts linked to your account and access levels
- Baltimore BSA – link to information about the Baltimore BSA

Edit Profile Page

Updating your account allows Pack 124 to communicate effectively with you. Please fill in **all** of the information on this page.

Important Steps:

- confirm or create username
- update address (important – Scoutbook will soon be used as our primary Pack roster)
- add phone numbers (home and cell)
 - Activate texting messaging (optional)
- Update bio – any information you wish to share about yourself (optional)
- Update scouting experience information (optional)
- Click the **UPDATE** button

My Profile Edit Profile

User Name: Pack 828

First Name: Cub Scout

Middle Name:

Last Name: Havenwood

Suffix:

Nickname:

Scouts address you as:
examples: Erin, Mr. Smith, Bro. Jackson, Sis. Harris, Scoutmaster Bob

Address:

Mobile Phone: 555-555-1234

Mobile Carrier / Text Messaging: Virgin Mobile

Activate / Verify
verified 5 days ago

Local Council: Baltimore Area Council (MD)

District: Dulaney District

BSA Member #:

Talent Release: ☐

Bio:

Scouting Experience:

Update Cancel

Your Scouts' Account

Top Section of page:

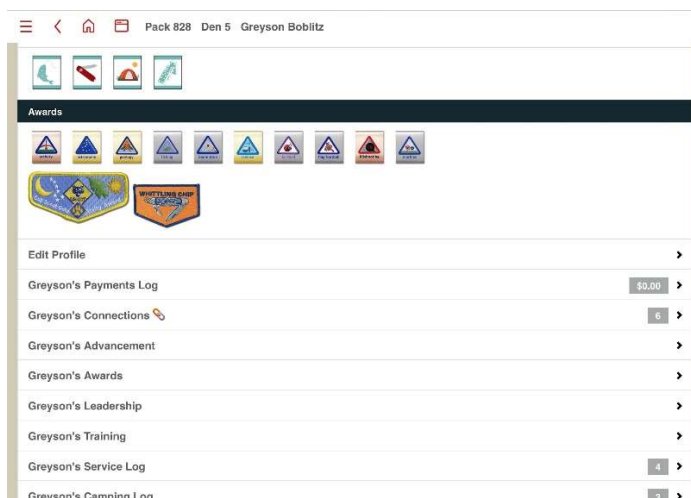
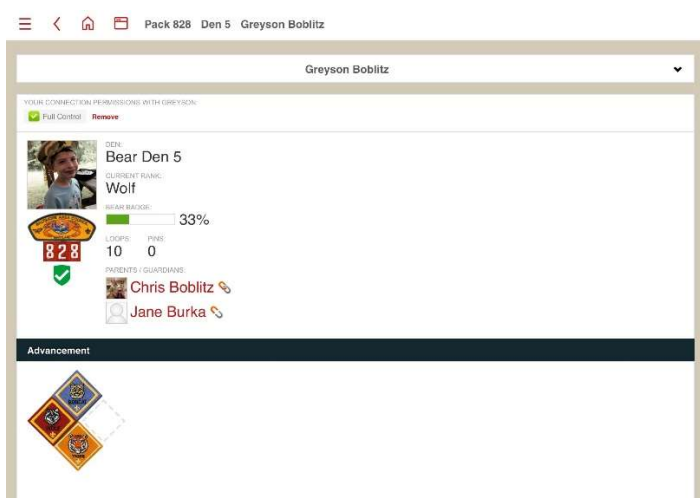
- Please click on picture icon to add or update photo of your scout.
 - This is extremely helpful to the adult leaders when entering rank advancement and event attendance.
- Both Den and Current Rank are found here.
- You can see the completion percentage for the current rank badge.
- Parent/Guardian Connections are shown here

Middle Section of page:

- Advancement Badges completed
- Belt loops earned towards current Rank
- Awards
 - Includes Sport and Academic belt loops and pins
 - Includes additional awards such as Outdoor Activity patch, Cyber Chip award, etc.

Bottom Section of page:

- Edit Profile – Please enter address, school, home phone, birthday, and school
 - Do not edit the BSA ID number
 - Please consider turning the talent release button. This will allow Pack Leaders to see your scout's profile picture.
- Connections – shows all connections to your son's account. This is usually only parent/guardians, Den Leaders, and Pack 124 Scoutbook managers.
- Advancement – allows you to review all advancement records
- Awards – allows you to review all awards records
- Activity Logs for Leadership, Training, Service, Camping, and Hiking.



Questions about your scout's advancement and awards should be emailed to your scout's Den Leader. Contact information can be found in the messaging function on your Dashboard.

Pack 124 Communications and Pictures

Pack 124 Communications

Pack 124 sends out weekly emails to our group to give updates and highlight important events and reminders, if you are not currently getting these weekly emails please make sure to contact leadership to get yourself added to the list.

In addition to emails Pack 124 utilizes Sign-Up Genius and Survey Monkey to get input and head counts for many of our events and pot-luck meals. This allows for easy management and cost reduction so that we don't waste food or run out of supplies.

Pack 124 has a closed Facebook Group called "[BSA Pack 124 \(Parkville, MD\) St. Isaac Jogues](https://www.facebook.com/groups/165196443999857/)" - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/165196443999857/> Our closed group is a great spot that I repost weekly pack update emails and share scouting activities and updates. It is also a great place to connect with other members of the pack, ask questions, and share pictures with our group.

Pictures

We love to capture pictures of our Pack Activities & Adventures. We have a pack historian named John Thomson "Mr. Jay" that volunteers his time to take pictures of our scout activities with the Cubmaster's camera. However with so many scouts we would love for you to email your pictures/photography to leadership or share them on our closed Facebook page. We will do our best to include them in our slideshow at the annual Blue & Gold reception.

Finances

What does it cost to be a Cub Scout? That is a difficult question to answer because there are so many optional activities with costs that vary from one year to the next. Plus first-year Scouts will need a uniform shirt, pants and patches, while returning Scouts may only need a new handbook. The following chart outlines an example of the fees and expenses your Scout is likely to incur this year:

<u>Pack Dues</u>	
Cub Scout*	\$216 Total
Pack Dues –2 payments of \$108 due by Sept 15th and Jan 15th.	
*There are discounts for multiple scouts in the same family as well as opportunities to fundraise for all of your pack dues.	
<u>Uniform, Patches, and Accessories</u>	
Uniform Shirt (Class A) and Patches	\$ 70
Pack 124 T-shirt (Class B Uniform) – Included	\$ 0
Rank Specific Handbook - Included	\$ 0
Boy Life Magazine Subscription - Included	\$ 0
<u>Pack Events and Activities**</u> - Estimates are based on a Cub Scout + 1 adult per event	
Fall Pack Camping (\$15 per scout and adult, \$50 max per family)	\$ 30
Webelos Camporee (4 th and 5 th Grade Scouts + Patrol Food)	\$ 30
May Family Camping (\$15 per scout and adult, \$50 max per family)	\$ 30
Outdoor Fishing Day (\$25 per scout - \$5 for just lures)	\$ 25
Rocket Night (Model Rocket and Engines)	\$ 40
** All events, activities, and prices above are only representative of typical activities that Pack 124 has done in previous years. Please refer to this year's activity schedule for more information.	
<u>Optional Summer Camps (2019 prices shown)</u>	
Dulaney District Day Camp	\$160
Camp OEST Overnight Camp	\$175-300 (Per Session)

The Pack specific portion of the dues are used to fund Pack operations including but not limited to the items shown below:

- Awards (belt loops, pins, patches)
- Pinewood Derby (car and trophies)
- Blue & Gold Banquet
- Arrow of Light Ceremony
- Fall & Spring Camping Trips
- Event Meals like Pizza and Hot Dogs & Burgers
- Charter fees & BSA Insurance
- Volunteer training fees
- Various ceremonies, supplies, food and refreshments for Pack events.

Den event costs vary depending on the Den schedule. Each den publishes their own schedule and costs associated with events. Den event and activity costs are extra and only charged to those who participate in the activity or event. Questions about Den related costs should be directed to your Den Leader.

Fundraising

Our Pack participates in one major fundraiser each year, the Baltimore Council Popcorn sale. We will be selling Trail's End **Popcorn** which is a Boy Scouts of America approved fundraiser. The fundraiser starts in August and continues through the end of October. **Profits from this sale provide a large part of our Pack operating expenses as well as help support the Baltimore Area Council.**



Each Scout is asked to participate in this fundraiser. Our Fundraising helps our pack and supports our district. Our district scouting office supports and maintains our many of our programs, trainings and our local scout camps at Broad Creek.

Pack 124 organizes Popcorn "Show-n-Sells" beginning in August and continuing into October. The Pack coordinates dates and times with local retailers and signups will be sent out via email. Sales credit is split among the scouts participating.

Popcorn Incentives

In addition to prizes from Trails End. The pack offers incentives and families can cover some or all of their scout dues.

Camp Cards Fundraiser

In addition to our popcorn fundraiser we participate in the Baltimore Area Council Camp Card Fundraiser, this does not benefit the pack at all, only individual scouts for extra money for camp or towards other Pack 124 activities. The cards come out every February and can be sold until Early May. Each card is filled with coupons and discount offers and is sold at \$5 and \$2.50 of each card sold can be used for any pack or district scouting activity.

How You Can Help

Your help is essential to the life of our Pack and the success of your Scout! There are many ways to be involved. We ask that all parents/guardians please:

- Read your Scout's handbook and understand the purpose and methods of Scouting.
- Actively follow your Scout's progress and offer encouragement and a push when needed.
- Work with your Scout at home on their achievements and electives. Many of the requirements can be done by the Scout with his family. When the scout completes an activity or project, it is your responsibility to email his Den Leader the requirements that they have completed.
- Attend all Pack meetings and other Pack events with your Scout to help celebrate their achievement and support our Pack.
- Be aware of the Pack program and annual calendar.
- Get involved. The pack has many activities and opportunities to contribute whether it is planning an event, setting up or cleaning up after a meeting, or helping your scout's den leader with a meeting. ALL are IMPORTANT and critical to the success of our Pack.
- Inform your Den Leader of any changes in your contact information, especially your e-mail address. E-mail is a primary communication method for Pack 124.
- Visit the Pack Scoutbook page on a regular basis for updated information: www.scoutbook.com.



Volunteers

You can also help by volunteering as a member of the Pack leadership team or as a parent helper. Scouting operates through volunteer leadership. All of the leaders in our Pack are parents and are not paid. Volunteer leaders are an example of Scouting's principle of service to others. Naturally, parents are the primary source of leaders in the Scouting program. You volunteer not only to serve Scouting, but also to help your scout and his friends, and to have the chance to be a positive influence on the youth in your community. You can help as a leader or on the Pack Committee. Pack leadership is open to both men and women.



Parent helpers are needed for Den meetings, Pack meetings, and special events such as the Blue & Gold Banquet and the Pinewood Derby. We also need helpers that have power tools, are good with computers, sports, outdoor activities, or crafts. Please talk to your Den Leader about any help he or she may need for Den activities. Requests for parent helpers will be presented at Pack meetings, via email, and through communication from your Den Leader.

For more information on how you can “Help the Pack Go”, please speak with our Cubmaster or Pack Committee Chair.

Training

The Boy Scouts of America provides excellent training programs that help volunteers with Scout activities and are also useful in everyday life. All Leaders are required to complete an online

Youth Protection Training course prior to submitting their application to BSA. You can find it on the BSA website: <https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/> This training needs to be renewed yearly to maintain for all pack leadership.



In addition to BSA required Youth Protection Training we are required to take the Catholic Archdiocese training called “Protecting God’s Children” run by Virtus, since we are chartered with the organization. This training is good for 5 years and consists of a background check and requires 3 references. The Online portion of the class can be found on the Virtus website:

https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/protecting_children.cfm

Most of our Pack leaders have also completed training for their leadership position as well as additional training courses in outdoor skills and safety. We are proud of the effort our leaders put forth to complete BSA training.

WHY I AM A LEADER

I am not a Cub Scout Leader for the easy hours, high pay,
parents' gratitude, power or prestige.

I am a leader because I want the world, for your scout and
mine,

to be a world they can shape and help shape; a world of love and
laughter, where they can show compassion.

I want to help them to learn to finish anything they starts and do it
well
and to guide them to know their worth with a deeper understanding of
themselves.

I want to help shape adults who have strength of character
and are sensitive to the needs of others.

I want them to be the best they can be.

I am giving of my time and myself. I reap rewards far beyond what I give.

I receive for my children and future generations a better world.

I am a Cub Scout Leader because I care.



Expectations

Cub Scouts are expected to participate regularly in Den and Pack activities. They are also expected to live by the Scout Oath and Law.

The Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country
And to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong,
mentally awake, and morally straight.

Scout Law

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful,
friendly, courteous, kind, obedient,
cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and
reverent.

Pack Meetings are designed to be FUN! Scouts and parents are expected to attend Pack meetings.

Scouts will be an active part of Pack meetings. Scouts will conduct and participate in flag ceremonies such as presenting and retiring the colors, perform skits with their den, and participate in other Scout ceremonies. At Pack meetings, scouts are expected to sit together as a Den and conduct themselves appropriately. Parents are encouraged to sit with other parents and get to know the families in our Pack.

Siblings “Scout Buddies”

We do our best to make Pack 124 is family-friendly Pack. Siblings are welcome at most Cub Scout Pack events with a parent/guardian. There may be some exceptions if the safety of younger siblings is of concern. Otherwise the whole family is welcome. We do ask you to remember that the goal of Scout meetings is to help the Scout learn and grow.

Siblings are usually welcome at Den activities as well, as long as a parent/guardian is also present. Den Leaders plan crafts and activities to suit the Den members present. Please bring things for your other children to enjoy. We will do our best to include them in our activities where appropriate. If you have any questions, please speak to your Den Leader.

“We never fail when we try to do our duty,
we always fail when we neglect to do it.”

—Sir Robert Baden-Powell



Pack 124 Cheer, Oath, Law & Outdoor Code

Pack 124 Cheer

Leader: Who's Brave to the Core?

Scouts: 124!

Leader: Who's Trustworthy for Sure?

Scouts: 124!

Leader: Who's Best in Baltimore?

Scouts: 124!

Leader: Hear us Roar!

Scouts: 124!

Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best to do my duty
to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law;
to help other people at all times;
to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

Scout Law

A Scout is:

Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful,
Thrifty, Brave, Clean, And Reverent

The Outdoor Code

As an American, I will do my best to –

Be clean in my outdoor manners.

Be careful with fire.

Be considerate in the outdoors.

Be conservation minded.