

May 2019

Welcome to Pack 1871

An Introduction to Cub Scouts for 2019 – 20



Goals for Tonight's Meeting

- **Explain the Basics of Cub Scouting**

- The Aims and Core Values of Cub Scouting
- Organizational Structure
- What Do Cub Scouts Do?
- Tigers



- **Provide an Introduction to Cub Scouts at Our Lady of Hope**

- What Makes Cub Scouts at OLOH Unique?
- “Tent Pole” Events for 2019-20

- **Let You Know How to Join**

- Application & Dues
- Get a Uniform
- Opportunities for Parents to Support Scouting at OLOH



The Basics of Scouting





The Aims and Core Values of Cub Scouting

The Birth of Scouting

- The International Scouting movement was started by Lord Baden-Powell, a British military officer, at turn of the 20th Century.
- While stationed in India, Baden-Powell discovered that his most junior soliders did not know basic first aid or the fundamentals of outdoor survival. So, he wrote a small handbook called *Aids to Scouting*, which emphasized the qualities of resourcefulness, adaptability, and leadership that frontier conditions demanded.
- Much to Baden-Powell's surprise, his book became popular with little boys back in England, who began to play "scouting." Seeing the possibilities, Baden-Powell organized a camping trip at Brownsea Island, off the Southern Coast of England, for a small group of 20 boys .
- From there, Scouting took off in England and around the world, and the rest, as they say, is history.



The Aims and Core Values of Cub Scouting

What Is Cub Scouts?

- Cub Scouts is an American off-shoot of the International Scouting movement.
- As younger and younger boys in England clamored to become Boy Scouts, Lord Baden-Powell began implementing a program for such boys based on Rudyard Kipling's *Jungle Book*. The influence of the *Jungle Book* still is felt in Cub Scouts today, with terms like "Akela," "Wolf Cub," "den," and "pack" all part of our basic lexicon.
- In 1930 Cub Scouting was officially launched in the United States.
- Today, Cub Scout is a program for first through fifth graders.¹ Its aims to help scouts:
 - Build Character
 - Develop Personal Fitness
 - Learn Citizenship
 - Develop Outdoor Skills & Awareness
 - Learn Leadership & Life Skills

¹ Cub Scouts recently rolled out a new "Lion Cub" program for Kindergartners, which will likely be coming to our Pack in the coming years. In 2018, Cub Scouts also expanded to allow girls to participate in the program—at the present time Pack 1871 has chosen to remain a "Boys Cub Scouts" Pack.



The Aims and Core Values of Cub Scouting

Cub Scouting's 12 Core Values

1. **Citizenship:** Contributing service and showing responsibility to local, state, and national communities.
2. **Compassion:** Being **kind** and considerate, and showing concern for the well-being of others.
3. **Cooperation:** Being **helpful** and working together with others toward a common goal.
4. **Courage:** Being **brave** and doing what is right regardless of our fears, the difficulties, or the consequences.
5. **Faith:** Having inner strength and confidence based on our trust in God.
6. **Health and Fitness:** Being personally committed to keeping our minds and bodies **clean** and fit.
7. **Honesty:** Telling the truth and being **worthy of trust**.
8. **Perseverance:** Sticking with something and not giving up, even if it is difficult.
9. **Positive Attitude:** Being **cheerful** and setting our minds to look for and find the best in all situations.
10. **Resourcefulness:** Using human and other resources to their fullest.
11. **Respect:** Showing regard for the worth of something or someone.
12. **Responsibility:** Fulfilling our duty to God, country, other people, and ourselves.

Every activity in Cub Scouts is tied to these core values!

SCOUT LAW

A Scout is:

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





Organizational Structure

Nationally, Cub Scouts is divided into a series of **Councils**, which are subdivided into **Districts**. We are part of the **National Capital Area Council** and the **Goose Creek District**.

The basic unit of Cub Scouts is the **Pack**, which serves a particular community and consists of boys in first through fifth grades. Packs are sponsored by a **Chartering Organization** such as a church, a school, or some other group in the community.

Our Pack, **Pack 1871**, is chartered by **Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church**. We were formed to create a Cub Scouting community centered on the Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church School and Religious Education Programs.

Each Pack is run by a volunteer **Pack Committee**, led by a **Pack Committee Chair**, which handles all administrative and support tasks for the Pack, and a **Cubmaster**, who plans and carries out the Pack's Cub Scout program.

Organizational Structure



Each Pack is subdivided into **Dens**, which are grade-based groups of 6-10 boys who meet regularly and all work to earn the same badge. Each **Den** is led by a volunteer **Den Leader** (and, ideally, one or more **Assistant Den Leaders**).



First Grade = Tigers



Second Grade = Wolves



Third Grade = Bears



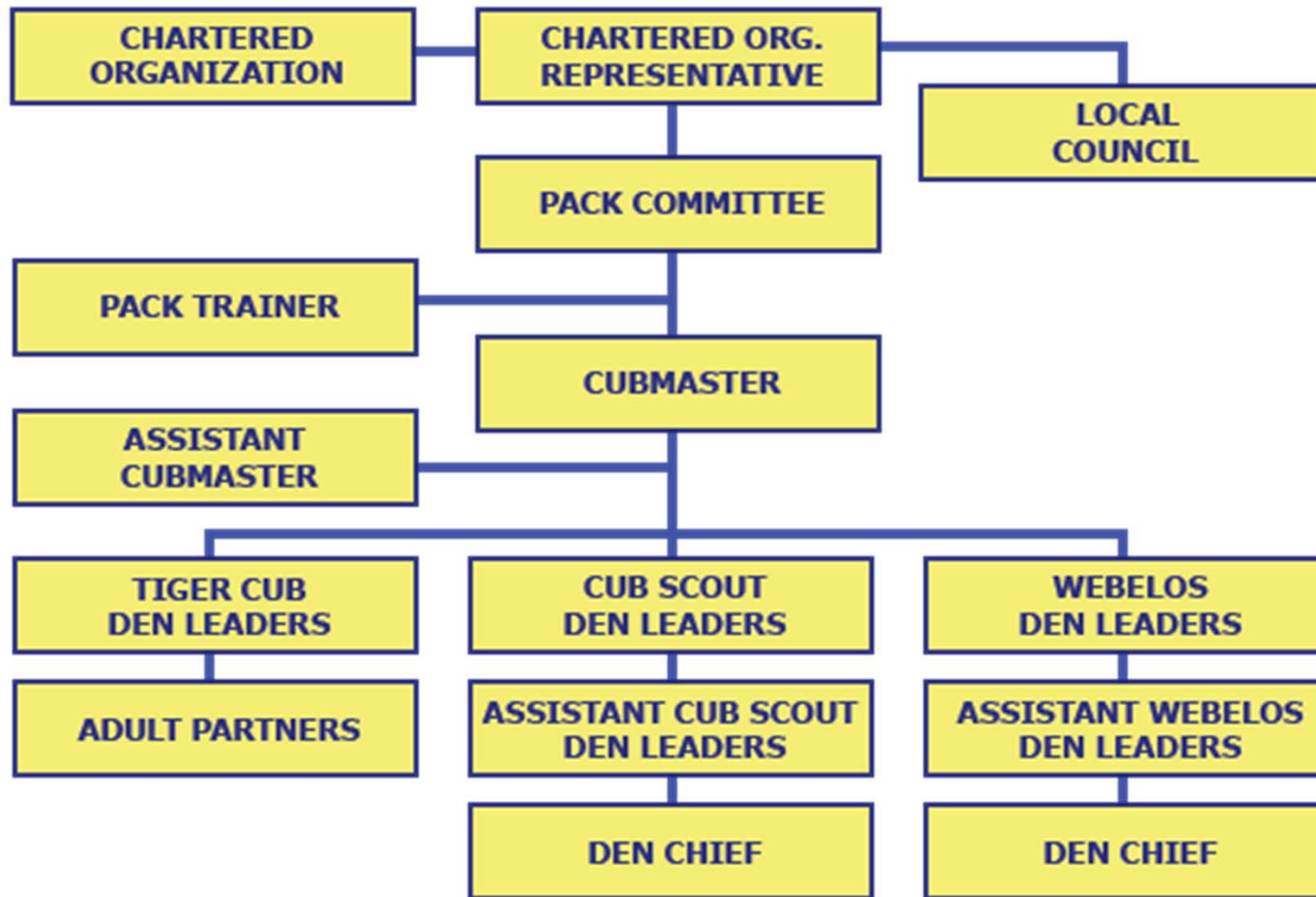
Fourth Grade = Webelos (I)



Fifth Grade = Webelos (II) – Arrow of Light



Organizational Structure



A photograph of four Cub Scouts and a leader sitting around a campfire at night. The fire is burning brightly, and the scene is illuminated by the warm light of the flames. The background shows trees and a tent.

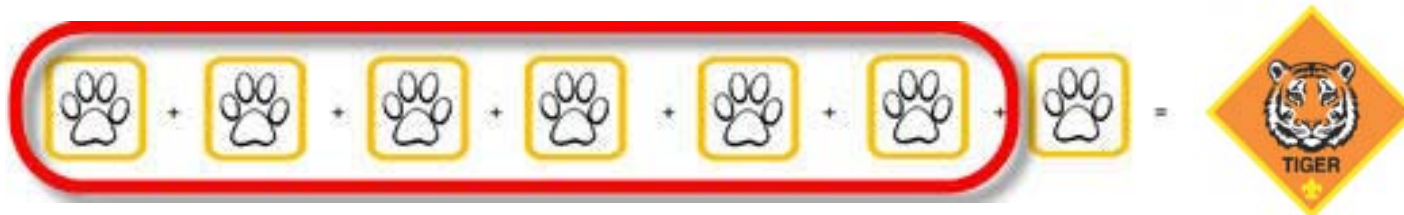
What Do Cub Scouts Do?

- Attend monthly **Pack Meetings**, normally focused on one of Cub Scouting's Core Values, as embodied in the 12 points of the "Scout Law," where we do some kind of activity, and recognize boys who have earned awards.
- Attend one or more **Den Meetings** a month, where the boys do a variety of activities geared toward earning their rank badges or other scouting awards, or other fun activities that are aligned with the aims of Scouting.
- Participate in a variety of **other Pack events** and celebrations, including...
 - Camping Trips
 - Service Projects
 - An Annual "Blue & Gold Banquet"
 - Cub Scout Derbies (*e.g.*, the Pinewood Derby)
 - Other Outings and Field Trips

What Do Cub Scouts Do? Work to Earn Rank Badges

Scouts Advance in Rank Through “Adventures”

- Each year scouts work to earn the rank badge associated with their year (Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, Arrow of Light).
- To earn rank, the Scout *generally* must complete seven adventures (6 *required*/ 1 *elective*).
- This always includes a family-based “Duty to God” adventure for each rank.



Adventures:

- Interdisciplinary, theme-based experiences.
- Normally takes about 2-3 den meetings to earn each adventure.
- Immediate recognition after each adventure (*belt loops / pins*).



What Do Cub Scouts Do?

More Freedom for Older Boys

Rank	Defined Adventures	Elective Adventures	Adventure Recognition Device
Tiger	6	1	Belt Loops
Wolf	6	1	Belt Loops
Bear	6	1	Belt Loops
Webelos	5	1	Pins
Arrow of Light	4	1	Pins

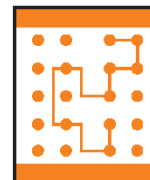
- Normally 7 Adventures = Rank Advancement
- Thematic similarities from year to year; build off of skills learned in prior years.
- Tiger/Wolf/Bear = Belt Loops
- Webelos/AOL = Pins

What Do Cub Scouts Do?

Tiger Adventure Beltloops



Monochromatic = Elective



Colored = Required



What Do Cub Scouts Do?

Tiger Required Adventures



Tiger Requirements

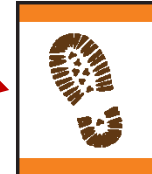
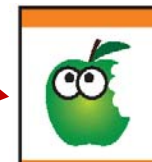
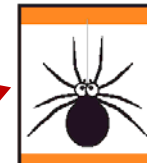
1. Complete each of the following Tiger required adventures with your den or family:

- a. **My Tiger Jungle**
- b. Games Tigers Play
- c. **Tiger Circles: Duty to God**
- d. Team Tiger
- e. Tiger Bites
- f. Tigers in the Wild

2. Complete one Tiger elective adventure of your den or family's choosing.

3. With your parent or adult partner, complete the exercises in the pamphlet *How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide*, and earn the Cyber Chip award for your age.*

*If your family does not have Internet access at home AND you do not have ready Internet access at school or another public place or via a mobile device, the Cyber Chip portion of this requirement may be waived by your parent or adult partner.



What Do Cub Scouts Do?

Tiger Elective Adventures



Tiger Requirements

1. Complete each of the following Tiger required adventures with your den or family:
 - a. Backyard Jungle
 - b. Games Tigers Play
 - c. **Tiger Circles: Duty to God**
 - d. Team Tiger
 - e. Tiger Bites
 - f. Tigers in the Wild
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What Do Cub Scouts Do? An Adventure in More Detail

Example: Tiger “Backyard Jungle” Adventure

(One of the Seven “Adventures” Tigers Need to Complete to Earn Their Tiger Badge)

Complete requirement one plus at least two others.

1. With your adult partner, go on a walk, and pick out two or more sights or sounds of “nature” around you. Discuss with your partner or den. Take a “1-foot hike.”
2. Take a “1-foot hike.” Make a list of the living things you find on your 1-foot hike. Discuss these plants or animals with your parent, guardian, or other caring adult or with your den.
3. Point out two different kinds of birds that live in your area. With your parent, guardian, or other caring adult, or with your den, find out more about one of these birds.
4. Be helpful to nature by planting a plant, shrub, or tree. Learn more about the needs and growth of the item you have planted
5. Build and hang a birdhouse.

(For those interested, the requirements for each rank can be found online at:

- https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/cubscouts/pdf/Tiger_Addendum.pdf
- https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/cubscouts/pdf/Wolf_Addendum.pdf
- https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/cubscouts/pdf/Bear_Addendum.pdf
- https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/cubscouts/pdf/Webelos_AOL_Addendum.pdf.)



- Currently, in our Pack, the first step in Cub Scouts for our youngest Scouts (first graders) is Tigers.
- Like all Cub Scouts, Tigers start by earning their **Bobcat Badge** upon joining.
- They then work with their Den and families to complete a series of seven “Adventures” to earn their **Tiger Badge**.
- Tigers, like any other Cub Scouts, are eligible to attend all normal Pack meetings, activities, and outings.
- The one difference between Tigers and other Cub Scouts is that each Tiger is required to have an **Adult Partner** who accompanies him at *all* scouting activities.
- Rising first-graders will be eligible to officially join Cub Scouts this June and would be formally inducted into the Pack at the **Pack Meeting on Friday, May 31 (7-8:30pm at the OLOH Parish Hall)**.



Cub Scouts at Our Lady of Hope



What Makes Cub Scouts at OLOH Unique

- Cub Scout Packs tend to take on some of the character of their chartering organization.
- Because we are chartered by OLOH, and most of our Scouts come from the OLOH school or religious education programs, we **take on some of the character of the Church.**
 - We start and end all of our meetings with **prayer**.
 - In discussing issues of characters & morals, we frequently use **examples pulled from the Catholic Tradition.**
 - All of our **leaders** are required to sign a **pledge to uphold Catholic teachings.**
 - We encourage all of our Scouts to earn the **Religious Emblem** awards associated with their rank (Tigers & Wolves = Light of Christ; Bears & Webelos = Parvuli Dei).
 - We encourage all of our Scouts to participate in events like **Scout Sunday** at the Church.
 - This is in keeping with Cub Scouting's emphasis on all Scouts doing their "**Duty to God,**" which is one of the key elements of the Scout Promise.
- Our Pack is also **smaller than a lot of our public-school counterparts.**
 - In this way, our Pack presents the same kind of small community atmosphere you find at the parish school.
 - It also means that we need a higher level of support from our Scouts' parents, since we have a smaller pool of volunteers to draw upon.



"Tent Pole" Events for 2019-20

Key Pack Events Planned for 2019-20

- 2019 Spring Family Campout (May 18-19)
- Monthly Summer Activities (June-Aug.)
- Fall Family Campout (Sept./Oct.)
- Scouting for Food (Nov.)
- Wreaths Across America (Dec.)
- Pinewood Derby Workshop & Race (Jan.)
- Blue and Gold Banquet (Feb.)
- 2020 Spring Family Campout (May 2020)





How to Join Our Pack



Application & Dues

What Do You Need to Do to Join?

- Fill Out an Application
- Pay Dues of \$160 for the Year to Cover:
 - Annual Registration Fee that Our Pack Must Pay to BSA
 - Subscription to *Boys Life* Magazine
 - Awards
 - Some Parts of Uniform (Hat/Neckerchief/Slide/Handbook)
 - Pack Activities (e.g., Pinewood Derby, Blue & Gold Banquet)
- Our Dues a Little Higher than Some Packs (But Not as High as Some).
 - We Have Made a Conscience Decision to Forego Most Pack-level Fundraising.
 - We Do, However, Conduct an Annual “Friends of Scouting” Fundraiser to Support Our Council.
 - We Do Some Targeted Fundraising (e.g., T-shirts & Car Magnets)



Get a Uniform

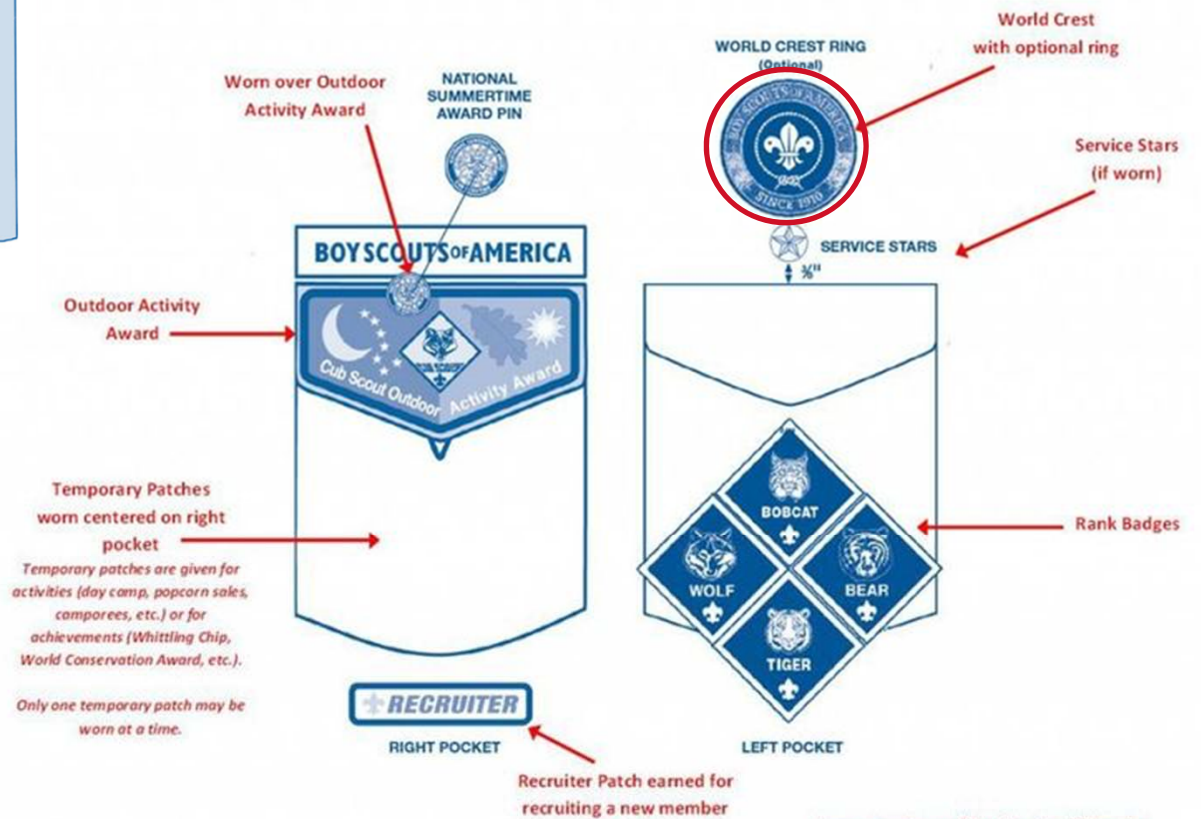
- The basic supplies that all Cub Scouts need are a **uniform** and a **handbook**.
 - The basic parts of the uniform are a: shirt, neckerchief, belt, and hat.
 - Each year the boys get a new neckerchief and hat (as well as a new handbook).
 - Tigers through Bears use the same blue shirt.
 - Webelos can use blue shirt or use the same khaki colored shirts as Boy Scouts.
 - Optional items include pants.
- Uniforms come with an American flag patch attached, you add **Pack Number**, **International Scouting**, and **National Capital Area Council** patches.
- All items can be purchased:
 - Online at scoutstuff.org.
 - At the National Capital Area Council Scout Shops.

National Scout Shop	Northern Virginia Scout Shop
9190 Rockville Pike	5234 Port Royal Road
Bethesda, MD 20814	Springfield, VA 22151
 - At the Hobby Store in Leesburg.

Leesburg Hobbies & Collectibles
9 West Market Street
Leesburg, VA 20176



Get a Uniform



CubScoutIdeas.com

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Diagram created by Cub Scout Ideas.

Opportunities for Parents to Support Scouting at OLOH

Parent Volunteer Opportunities

- The Pack Is Run Entirely By Volunteers.
- All Volunteers that Hold Formal Leadership Positions in the Pack...
 - Must go through Diocesan Virtus training.
 - Must go through a BSA background check and online Youth Protection Training, “This Is Scouting” training, and position-specific training.
- We Expect All Families to Volunteer in Some Capacity.
 - “Many hands make the burden light.”
 - As previously mentioned, as a small Pack, we have less volunteer resources than larger Packs.
 - Thus, we have a “Mandatory Family Volunteer Form” that each family must complete each year.
 - Opportunities include both Formal Leadership Positions (Pack Committee Chair, Asst. Cubmasters, Den Leaders, Asst. Den Leaders, Pack Committee Members) **and** event-specific help (Service Project Coordinators, Pinewood Derby Volunteers, Religious Emblem Coordinators, Blue & Gold Banquet Helpers).
 - This year we are looking, in particular, for a new **Tiger Den Leader(s), Pack Committee Members, and Assistant Cubmasters.**



Opportunities for Parents to Support Scouting at OLOH

Tiger Den Leader

- Will Need Someone to Step Forward to Be the **Tiger Den Leader**.
- No Den Leader = No Den
- No Prior Scouting Experience Is Necessary.
- Because All Tiger Scouts Must Have a Parent With Them at Each Meeting, It Is Easy to Spread the Workload.
- Some Tiger Dens Actually Try to Do a Formal “Leadership Sharing,” Where Den Leader’s Duties Are Jointly Shared by Multiple or All Families.
- I Will Help the Tiger Den Leader Get Started and Will Co-lead the First Den Meeting.



Questions?

If you think of any questions later, or would like to discuss any aspect of Cub Scouts further, please feel free to email me, Mike McIntosh, at:

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