

Central Florida Council, Boy Scouts of America

Welcome to the Adventure of Cub Scouting



**Parent/Guardian Handbook
Pack 343**

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This book contains information and guidelines to help you get off to a good start in the coming year. Please keep this packet as a handy reference for future information needs regarding Pack policy and uniform information.



Purposes of Cub Scouting

Cub Scout packs serve boys who are in 1st through 5th grade (or 7 through 10 years of age). Boys, families, leaders and chartered organizations work together to achieve the purposes of cub scouting.

The ten purposes of Cub Scouting are:

- Character Development
- Spiritual Growth
- Good Citizenship
- Sportsmanship
- Family Understanding
- Respectful Relationships
- Personal Achievements
- Friendly Service
- Fun and Adventure
- Preparation For Boy Scouts

As a parent, you want your son to grow up to be a *self-reliant, dependable* and *caring individual*. Scouting has these same goals in mind for him. Since 1910 we have been weaving lifetime values into fun and educational activities designed to assist parents in *strengthening character, developing good citizenship, enhancing physical fitness, building self-esteem and ethical values in youth*.

Scouting teaches family values ... We know that boys do not join scouting just to get their character built. Boys join because it is fun.

SCOUTING IS FUN WITH A PURPOSE!

Your Son, Cub Scouting and You

What does your son learn in Scouting? Well, it is a lot more than crafts, games, and outdoor skills. All of the Cub Scout programs in which you and your son will participate in are carefully designed to teach your son something he will use throughout his life. Every activity is specially designed for your son's age, development, and personal needs. Here are just a few of the things your son will gain through Cub Scouting:

- A feeling of belonging to a positive and fun group of boys and caring adults.
- New social skills that will help him get along with others.
- Develop new mental skills from reading and writing, to planning and organizing.
- A greater understanding of other people and the world around him.
- A system of values that will help him grow and make good decisions.
- A concern and caring for people, and even opportunities to help others.
- The value of family by fostering quality family time to strengthen the bond between parent and child.
- Leadership skills through leading other boys.
- Citizenship by teaching him how to be a responsible member of his community.
- Self-confidence and stronger self-esteem.

In a society where your son is often taught that winning is everything, Cub Scouting teaches him to “do his best” and be helpful to others as expressed in the Cub Scout Promise. These values help your son make good decisions throughout his lifetime and give him confidence as he becomes an adult leader of tomorrow. With all the negative influences in today's society, Scouting provides your son with a positive peer group and a program that is fun and adventurous and helps him to “be prepared” to shape his own future. The best thing about it all is that you do, learn and experience the program along with your son, making it all the more special and valuable through your involvement in Scouting with him!

What You Should Do Now To Get Started

- Complete and turn in the Cub Scout application, with the registration fee, to your leader. Your fee may vary depending on the month when you register due to it being prorated. Subscribing to Boys' Life magazine is recommended, but not required. Put a "Y" in the Boys' Life box on the application and attach payment.
- Carefully review this booklet so you know what Cub Scouting is all about and how your son can get the most out of it.
- Obtain a Cub Scout Handbook for your son's age group.
- Find out what kind of activities your Cub Scout pack is doing in the next few months, and put them on your calendar so you can participate.
- Fill out the parent talent survey and turn it in tonight so you can share your knowledge, experience, and skills with the boys in your son's den and the pack.
- Scouting is more fun with friends! Every boy can become a Cub Scout at any time, not just on school night. Talk to other parents and boys and have them join your son's Cub Scout den now to make Cub Scouting even more fun.
- Consider becoming a Cub Scout leader for your son's Cub Scout den. Your son's experience in Cub Scouting depends on your involvement.
- Purchase a Cub Scout shirt for your son to wear his awards on. Be sure to get a size large enough to last several years as your son grows.





How Cub Scouting Works



Scouting is Family Oriented

- Activities are intended for the whole family.
- You work with your son on his various award requirements.
- Many skills he will learn are family oriented.

Your Son is a member of a Cub Scout Den



- The den usually meets once a week.
- The den is led by a den leader (usually a parent of a boy in the den) with 4-10 boys.
- The trained den leader is usually assisted by an assistant den leader, a den chief (an older Boy Scout), and a denner (a Cub Scout elected by den members).
- Den meetings have games, crafts, songs, ceremonies, and lots of fun.

Your Son is a member of a Cub Scout Pack



- A pack is made up of several dens.
- The pack meets once a month — all Cub Scout families attend.
- The pack meeting is the climax of the month's den meetings and activities.
- The Cubmaster leads the pack meetings with games, skits, stunts, songs, ceremonies and presentation of badges that the boys earned that month.
- The pack also participates in other special events.

The Pack is run by the Pack Committee of volunteer parents

- The pack committee is made up of den leaders, the Cubmaster, assistants and most importantly parents.
- The committee meets once a month.
- The committee plans pack meetings around the monthly theme.
- The committee selects leaders, performs record keeping, manages pack finances, orders badges, maintains pack equipment, helps train leaders, and recognizes leaders.
- A parent for each registered scout family is **required** to serve as a volunteer.

The Pack is owned by a Chartering Organization

- Chartered organizations include: schools, religious organizations, and other groups interested in youth.
- The chartered organization approves leaders, provides a meeting place, and operates packs within the guidelines and policies of the chartered organization and the Boy Scouts of America.
- The chartered organization selects a chartered organization representative who serves as a liaison between the pack and organization.

Den Meetings

Lots of Cub Scouting happens in the den. Please remember that your son's Den Leader is a *volunteer* putting forth his or her time and effort to help your boy "do his best" to earn his badges, participate in the fun, and gain all the positive values that the Cub Scout program offer. Please assist them in any way you can.

You may not drop off your son and leave, every child must have at least one parent or guardian present at all times.

Please have your son to the den meetings on time.

Your den leaders have lots of activities planned and it is important to have the whole group together to begin the evening's fun and projects. Some things that will take place in the den are ceremonies, games, crafts, songs and skills.

Please make sure your son has his handbook,

And anything else he needs for the meeting before leaving the house. The boys have different handbooks at each grade level with suggested activities that are age-appropriate for their developmental level. The boys 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. Some advancement requirements are done at den meetings but most are done at home with the family.

Be an Active Parent.

Everybody has some special abilities and "know how" that can be of great help in matters relating to Cub Scouts. Please make sure you have completed the Parent Talent Survey Sheet and return it to your leader. In addition to the boys learning new skills from *you*, I promise that you will have a good time helping *them*.

Your son's success in Cub Scouting depends on you.



Pack Meetings

At weekly den meetings the boys might do activities toward earning rank badges and awards, the monthly Pack meeting is where these awards are presented. It is an *important* part of the program, as it allows the boys to receive their recognition in front of the group as a whole, inspires the younger scouts to strive towards achieving future ranks, and brings everybody together for the big night.

At Pack meetings, the Cubmaster will “do his or her best” to make sure that each den has a chance to display that special craft they made, song they learned, skit they’ve rehearsed, or interesting places they visited. In addition, there might be a drawing, advancement ceremony, or other themed event planned for the evening.

Please observe the following guidelines in regards to Pack meeting.

Please accompany your son to his Pack meeting.

Pack meetings are a family event – brothers, sisters, grandparents, but most of all, **YOU!** We require you to be present not only to help keep order at the meeting, but many awards are presented to the parent who then presents it to the Scout. Cub Scouting is a family program.

Please arrive to Pack meetings on time.

Plan on arriving at least ten minutes early to participate in the gathering activities, confer with your son’s Den leader about the upcoming events, and chat with friends, etc., as the meeting needs to begin on time. If your son is helping out as a member of a flag ceremony, or assisting with other Pack meeting activities, it is imperative to have him there on time.

The Pack meeting is *definitely* the place to wear the full uniform.

Class A shirts tucked in – looking sharp!

Most of all, we hope to make Pack meetings entertaining, enriching and **FUN!!**

Make Memories with your son that will last a lifetime!



The Advancement Plan

The responsibility for a boy's earning of awards in Cub Scouting lies with the family and not with the pack. Some advancement requirements are done at den meetings, but most are completed at home with the family. The Cub Scout Advancement Program is an excellent way for you to spend quality time with your son. For each special skill or activity your son completed with you, you can sign-off the requirements he needs to earn his next award. As a result, the awards he earns increases his knowledge, skills, self-esteem and confidence. You can be a part of it by actively participating in the Cub Scout program with him. The rank awards he earns are listed below.

Bobcat – All New Scouts



All boys, regardless of age, earn the Bobcat badge first by learning the Cub Scout Promise, Law of the pack, handshake, salute, sign, motto, and the meaning of Webelos. After receiving the Bobcat badge, the boy works on requirements based on his grade or age.

Bobcat Requirements – For All New Scouts

- ❖ Learn and say the Cub Scout Promise and complete the Honesty Character Connection.
 - I, ____, promise to do my best to do my duty to God and my country, to help other people and to obey the Law of the Pack.
- ❖ Say the Law of the Pack and tell what it means.
 - The Cub Scout follows Akela. The Cub Scout helps the pack go. The pack helps the Cub Scout grow. The Cub Scout gives good will.
- ❖ The meaning of “Webelos.”
 - Webelos has a special meaning that Cub Scouts know.
It is We’ll Be Loyal Scouts
- ❖ Cub Scout Sign
 - Use your right hand and hold your arm straight up. 
- ❖ Cub Scout Handshake
 - Use right hand and put your first two fingers along the inside of the other boy’s wrist. 
- ❖ Cub Scout Motto
 - Do Your Best
- ❖ Cub Scout Salute
 - Use your right hand and hold your fingers as you do for the Cub Scout sign. Touch the tips of those fingers to your cap. 
- ❖ Child Protection Exercises.

After receiving the Bobcat badge, the boy works on requirements based on his grade or age.

Tiger Cubs – 1st Grade



The Tiger Cub program is for first-grade (or age 7) boys and their adult partners. The Tiger Cub Badge is earned after completing five achievements grouped in three areas: den activity, family activity, and "Go See It." After completing the rank of Tiger Cub, boys may earn one Tiger Track bead when he completes 10 electives. There is no limit to the number of Tiger Track beads a boy can earn. Each Tiger den has a Tiger Den Leader who helps coordinate the Tiger den meetings. Each parent-son team takes a turn running the activities and planning the meeting with the Tiger Den Leader.

Wolf Cubs – 2nd Grade



A Cub Scout who has completed first grade (or is age 8) works on 12 achievements to earn the Wolf badge. Each achievement is designed to teach simple skills and initiate family discussions on values, drug awareness, health, etc. After he earns his Wolf badge a boy may work on electives in different interest areas until the end of the school year to earn Arrow Points. The boy may earn as many Arrow Points as he wishes.

Bear Cubs – 3rd Grade



A Cub Scout who has completed second grade (or is age 9) completes 12 of 24 achievements to earn the Bear badge. After he earns his Bear badge, a boy may work on electives in different interest areas until the end of the school year to earn Arrow Points. The boy may earn as many Arrow Points as he wishes.

Arrow Points



After he earns his Wolf or Bear badge, a boy may work on electives in different interest areas until the end of the school year. For the first 10 electives the boy completes he earns a Gold Arrow Point. Then for every 10 electives a boy completes after that, he earns a Silver Arrow Point. A boy may earn as many Silver Arrow Points as he wishes; parents help boys learn more complicated life skills and values.

Webelos Scouts – 4th and 5th Graders



When a Cub Scout has completed the third grade (or becomes 10 years old), he transfers to a Webelos den, led by an adult Webelos leader. The boy works on requirements for the Webelos badge, 20 activity badges, and the *Arrow of Light Award* (the highest award in Cub Scouting) which prepares for Boy Scouting. Camping and outdoor programs are an important part of the 18-month Webelos program. In February of a Webelos Scout's 5th grade year, he graduates from Cub Scouting into the adventures of Boy Scouting at a graduation ceremony. Every boy deserves an opportunity to be a Boy Scout!

Special Programs and Volunteer Opportunities

PINEWOOD DERBY– Parent/son project that builds a race car made from a block of wood (kit). Boys will race their cars at the Pinewood Derby.



SPACE DERBY– Parent/son project to build model Rockets from a kit powered by rubber bands that travel along a heavy monofilament fishing line.



RAINGUTTER REGATTA– Parent/son project to build a small sailboat powered by a scout's lung power. Races are held in rain gutters filled with water.



BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET– Our birthday party for Cub Scouting usually held in February.



KIWANIS ISLAND PARK CLEAN-UP– The pack is responsible for removing trash from the water's edge all around the park. This activity is performed 4 times a year, usually on a Saturday morning.



FAMILY FEST– Each May a special gathering and celebration of scouting is typically held. Each Pack has the opportunity to show and share a special skill with all the other scouts.



CAROLING– During the month of December we are given the opportunity to share our wonderful voices with the “guests” of Courtenay Springs. This activity usually serves as the December Pack event. The pack supplies refreshments and small gifts.



MERRITT ISLAND PARADE– The pack participates in the Holiday Parade on Merritt Island. Pack supplies decorations- we supply creativity.



POPCORN SALES– Fund raising activities for scouts to earn their dues for the program. Sales take place at show-and-sell locations, through friends and families.



PACK CAMP OUTS– The pack will attend several camping activities throughout the year. Council planned campouts require minimal planning at the pack level. Several campouts will require planning activities and food for the event.



SCOUTING FOR FOOD– The pack participates in this community service project. The first two Saturdays in November scouts distribute bags and then return to pick up the bags filled with food. After all bags are collected they are taken to a collection point and counted and packed by the Food Bank.



GRADUATION EVENT– This event takes place in May. This event marks the end of one rank and the beginning of another and is usually the last Pack meeting of the school year. Scouts and parents celebrate with a formal ceremony.



WEBELOS CROSSOVER– This ceremony is to celebrate the Webelos scouts transitioning into a Boy Scout Troop. Usually takes place in late February or early March.



FOOD/COOKING– This position will require working with all event coordinators to make sure needed cooking gear and supplies are available. Menu planning and shopping coordination are vital to successful pack events. Work with various cooking volunteers so everyone will have an opportunity to help in meal preparations. Assign tasks as needed. Call special meetings to make final arrangements.



BOYS LIFE– Boys’ Life has interesting features on Scouting, sports, hobbies, magic, science, and U.S. history. There are also jokes, comics, and short stories. Boys’ Life comes addressed to your scout to your home. Cost is only \$12 per year, which is only \$1 per issue. There are different editions for Tiger, Cub Scouts and Webelos.



RELIGIOUS EMBLEM – The religious emblem programs are programs created by the various religious groups to encourage Scouts to grow stronger in their faith. The religious groups—not the Boy Scouts of America—have created the religious emblem programs themselves. The Boy Scouts of America has approved of these programs and allows the recognition to be worn on the official uniform, such as the silver knot on purple background; however, each religious organization develops and administers its own program.



Cub Scout Academics and Sports Program

Cub Scout Academics		Cub Scout Sports	
Art	Language and Culture	Archery	Ice Skating
Astronomy	Map and Compass	BB Gun Shooting	Kickball
Chess	Mathematics	Badminton	Marbles
Citizenship	Music	Baseball	Physical Fitness
Collecting	Nutrition	Basketball	Roller Skating
Communicating	Pet Care	Bicycling	Soccer
Computers	Photography	Bowling	Snow Ski and
Disabilities	Reading and Writing	Fishing	Board Sports
Family Travel	Science	Flag Football	Skateboarding
Geography	Video Games	Fitness	Softball
Geology	Weather	Golf	Swimming
Good Manners	Wildlife Conservation	Gymnastics	Table Tennis
Heritages		Hiking	Tennis
		Hockey	Ultimate
		Horseback Riding	Volleyball



How can I help?

The den and pack rely on parent participation to run a successful program. The Cub Scout program operates through volunteer leadership. Volunteer Cub Scout leaders are an example of Scouting's principle of service to others. Naturally, parents are a primary source of leaders in the Scouting program. You volunteer not only to serve Scouting, but also to serve your son and his friends, and to have the chance to be a positive influence on the youth in your community.

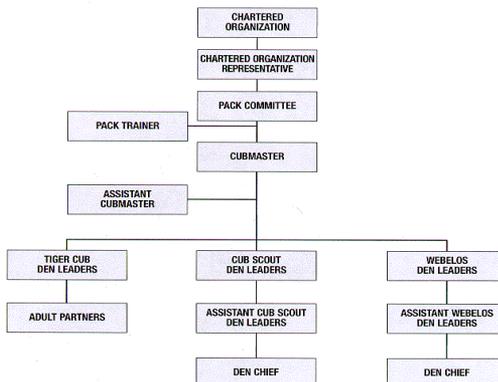
What Do You Receive in Return?

Being a leader is fun, challenging, and rewarding. Leaders find that their experiences help them to become better parents. The following are some of the many dividends that will enrich your life as you dedicate your time, talent, and enthusiasm to Scouting:

- Fun and fellowship with other families, sharing your pride in the boys' accomplishments.
- The privilege of helping to enrich and strengthen families.
- A chance to help boys learn good citizenship and to help shape them into men who have strength of character and are sensitive to the needs of others.
- The opportunity to help make a difference in the lives of boys as they grow strong in mind and body.
- A code to live by which will set a worthwhile example for both boys and adults.
- The satisfaction of being a member of a worldwide movement, and pride in being publicly identified as a part of this 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 Structure

PACK ORGANIZATION CHART



Volunteer Positions in the Pack

You are not alone!

Volunteer positions in the pack are held by adults like you, who work directly with the boys and organize the activities in which they participate.

DEN LEADER – Leads the Den at weekly Den meetings and attends monthly Pack meetings. Attends the Pack Leader/Committee meeting. Gets great ideas by attending monthly District Roundtable

CUBMASTER – Helps plan and carry out the Pack program with the help of the Pack Committee. Emcees monthly Pack meeting and attends the Pack Leader/Committee meeting. Also should attend the District monthly roundtable.

COMMITTEE CHAIR – Presides at all Pack Leader/Committee meetings. Help recruit adult leaders. Also attends Pack meetings.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS – Helps plan program and take care of records, finances, advancement, activities, membership, etc. Attends Pack meeting and the Pack Leader/Committee meeting.

ADVANCEMENT CHAIR – Maintains advancement records for the Pack. Orders and obtains all badges and insignia. Attends the Pack and the Pack Leader/Committee meetings.

PACK TRAINER – Coordinates “Fast Start” training for adults, organizes the Tiger Cub Dens and promotes leader training and roundtable meeting attendance.

SECRETARY / TREASURER – Keeps all records for the Pack, including Pack bank account, financial records, etc. Attends the Pack and the Pack Leader/Committee meetings.

MEMBERSHIP – Maintain accurate records of all youth and leaders in the pack. Makes sure everyone is registered with the BSA. Conduct recruitment efforts to add new boys and promotes *Boys’ Life*.

PARENT HELPERS – Function chairman positions to perform “one shot” program jobs such as Popcorn Chair, Pinewood Derbies, Blue and Gold Banquet, Cub Day Camp, etc. These jobs are usually very short in time.



You are not alone!





Training



STEP 1: FAST START TRAINING – Fast Start Training is a brief introduction to the Cub Scout program that will equip you with the basic skills and information that you will need as a new Cub Scout leader or Parent. Fast Start Training is the first step for any new volunteer. <http://myscouting.org/>

YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING – This training is an important component of the Boy Scouts of America’s strategy to train leaders and parents on the proper rules of working with youth. This course is one hour and can be taken online at <http://myscouting.org/>

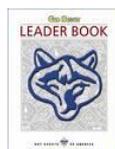
STEP 2: NEW LEADER ESSENTIALS – The essential training course is for all Cub Scout leaders and Parents that highlights the values, aims, history, funding and methods of Scouting. <http://myscouting.org/>

STEP 3: NEW LEADER SPECIFIC TRAINING – Once a volunteer has a solid overview of the Boy Scouts of America’s values-based program, you can then begin training for your specific Scouting position. This training provides the specialized knowledge a new leader needs to assume a leadership role and enables you to provide a quality program to the Cub Scouts in your pack. It covers the topics of den and pack meeting planning, pack finance and management, and special activity planning.

BALOO (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation) – Training for all Cub Scout leaders who have minimal camping experience, but want to plan and carry out an entry-level outdoor experience for your pack.

MONTHLY ROUNDTABLES – Supplemental training offered each month for all Cub Scout leaders to provide additional den and pack meeting ideas. New Cub Scout leaders will find a wealth of information and activities to use with the Cub Scouts in the pack. This is a fun learning evening! Our meetings are the 3rd Thursday of the month, located at the Church of Jesus Christ of LDS, 1801 South Fiske Blvd, Rockledge, FL at 7:00 pm

PROGRAM HELPS – Program helps contain meeting plans for den and pack meetings and show you how to do crafts and games.



PACK LIBRARY – The pack has a library that contains the leader books you need.

PACK TRAINER – Resource person for all questions.

ONLINE TRAINING – is available at <http://myscouting.org/>

REMEMBER- ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS ASK FOR HELP!

HOW IS SCOUTING FINANCED?

Funds used to operate the Central Florida Council come from four major sources:

- ❖ An annual fund drive called Friends of Scouting (FOS) from families, businesses, alumni, and other individuals. (A special presentation will be made at a Pack Meeting in the spring to ask support from families of Scouts.)
- ❖ The United Way
- ❖ Foundations, Popcorn sales, and material donations.
- ❖ Camping and activity fees.

The Council provides such things as:

- ❖ Council and District organized activities like Cub Family campout, Day Camps, etc.
- ❖ Training for volunteer leaders.
- ❖ Professional staff and support staff to support the volunteer leadership.

How is my Pack financed?

- ❖ Money earning projects such as Popcorn sales and Family Fest fundraiser.
- ❖ Member's dues.
- ❖ Money earned is spent on Pack equipment, advancement badges, special events, and program materials.

What cost does my family bear?

The uniform, handbook, personal equipment, annual registration fee, Boys' Life, camp fees and Pack dues are some of the expenses you can expect. Your family will also be asked to support the Friends of Scouting drive. Based upon your participation in unit fundraising (such as popcorn) the average cost of participation in Cub Scouting is about \$100 per year. Scouting is for all families. If you find it a challenge to afford the uniform or other items, talk with your Pack's Cubmaster or Committee Chairperson. The pack can provide a scholarship.

Registration & Insurance fee: \$15/Year

Boys' Life Magazine: \$1.00/Month (not required but recommended)

Handbook • Tiger \$6.99

- Wolf & Bear \$8.99
- Webelos \$8.99

Pack Dues: \$100.00

Pack dues are payable in 2 installments, the first in September and second in January. There are 2 fundraising events scheduled to offset this cost and to allow the boys to help pay for their own dues. Additional fees are needed for the camping activities. Please see the calendar and budget for this information.



Uniforms



Note: Uniforms are not required (but recommended) to join Scouting.

A price list for new uniform costs is included. The overwhelming majority of local Brevard county units do not require the complete BSA uniform for their new members. Also, remember that uniforms can be purchased at thrift shops. Check with pack leaders regarding financial assistance if needed.

New-Member Checklist PACK # 343 DEN # _____

Tiger Cubs Uniform:	Cost	Wolf Cubs Uniform:	Cost
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Short Sleeve Shirt	\$22.99	<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Short Sleeve Shirt	\$22.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Neckerchief	\$5.99	<input type="checkbox"/> Neckerchief	\$5.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Slide (Tiger)	\$3.99	<input type="checkbox"/> Slide (Wolf)	\$3.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Belt/Buckle (s/m)	\$7.99	<input type="checkbox"/> Belt/Buckle (s/m)	\$7.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Patches: Pack#, Council, World Scout Crest Emblem, Den #	\$10.25	<input type="checkbox"/> Patches: Pack#, Council, World Scout Crest Emblem, Den #	\$10.25
<input type="checkbox"/> Cap (s/m)	\$12.99	<input type="checkbox"/> Cap (s/m)	\$12.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Shorts	\$19.99	<input type="checkbox"/> Shorts	\$19.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Socks (xs)	\$5.99	<input type="checkbox"/> Socks (s)	\$5.99
Total Cost:	\$86.18	Total Cost:	\$86.18

Bear Cubs Uniform:	Cost	Webelos Uniform:	Cost
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Short Sleeve Shirt	\$22.99	<input type="checkbox"/> Khaki Short Sleeve Shirt	\$24.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Neckerchief	\$5.99	<input type="checkbox"/> Neckerchief	\$9.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Slide (Bear)	\$3.99	<input type="checkbox"/> Slide (Webelos)	\$3.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Belt/Buckle (s/m)	\$7.99	<input type="checkbox"/> Belt/Buckle (s/m)	\$4.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Patches: Pack#, Council, World Scout Crest Emblem, Den #	\$10.25	<input type="checkbox"/> Patches: Pack #, Council, Patrol Patch, World Scout Crest Emblem	\$10.75
<input type="checkbox"/> Cap (m/l)	\$12.99	<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Shoulder Loops	\$1.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Shorts	\$19.99	<input type="checkbox"/> Socks (tan)	\$4.49
<input type="checkbox"/> Socks (m)	\$5.99	<input type="checkbox"/> Cap (m/l)	\$6.49
Total Cost:	\$86.18	<input type="checkbox"/> Shorts	\$31.99
		Total Cost:	\$98.67

Note: Uniform pieces in bold are minimum requirements for Pack 343. Prices may change without notice. Uniforms can be obtained from The Scout Shop at 1270 N. Wickham Rd, Melbourne, FL Phone: 255-5223 or www.scoutstuff.org.

Cub Scout Uniform Patches Placement

OFFICIAL PLACEMENT OF INSIGNIA CUB SCOUT AND WEBELOS SCOUT UNIFORM INSPECTION SHEET

SHOULDER SEAM



CUB SCOUT
OR WEBELOS SCOUT
RIGHT SLEEVE



WEBELOS SCOUT
RIGHT SLEEVE



LEFT SLEEVE



LEFT POCKET



RIGHT POCKET

Conduct uniform inspections with common sense; the basic rule is neatness.

Right Sleeve. Wear U.S. flag, den numeral, and Quality Unit Award (if earned) as shown. Webelos Scouts may wear den emblem instead of den numeral. Only the most recently earned Quality Unit Award may be worn. If the pack elects, Webelos Scouts may wear the Webelos colors. Wear the Webelos colors immediately below and touching the U.S. flag if no den numeral is worn. If den numeral is worn, wear colors below and touching numeral. Wear activity badges on the colors if this option is elected.

Left Sleeve. Wear council patch and pack numeral as shown. The veteran unit insignia bar (25, 50, 55, or 60 years) is worn centered below the council patch and above the numeral, and touches both. Denner cord or assistant denner cord is worn over left shoulder.

Left Pocket. Wear badges of rank as shown: Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, Webelos badge. The Arrow of Light Award (in metal or cloth) is centered on the flap. Gold Arrow Points are worn beneath the pocket and below the badge for which they were earned. Silver Arrow Points are worn below the Gold Arrow Points in double rows. Wear medals just above pocket seam, and service stars centered just above medals or knots, or 1/2 inch above seam if no medals are worn. Gold background disks are worn with service stars for Cub Scouting service, including Tiger Cub service. Not more than five medals may be worn. Wearing sequence for medals or knots is at the wearer's discretion. The only knots worn by Cub Scouts are the religious emblem knot and a lifesaving or meritorious award knot. The World Crest is worn centered between the left shoulder seam and the top of the left pocket.

Right Pocket. Temporary insignia are not necessary in uniform inspection, but if worn, must be centered on the pocket. Progress Toward Ranks (with thong and beads) for Cub Scouts or Compass Points emblem for Webelos Scouts is fastened to button under flap of right pocket and flap rebuttoned. The National Summerline Award is pinned centered on the right pocket flap. The Tiger Cubs BSA strip is worn below the right pocket and above the recenter strip.

Olive/Tan Webelos Scout Uniform. Webelos Scouts electing this option wear blue shoulder loops, Webelos neckerchief, and Webelos cap. Blue (preferred) or olive belt may be worn. Academics and Sports belt loops will fit only on the blue belt. Badge placement is same as for blue uniform.

SHOULDER SEAM



Position above diagram on
left sleeve to guide you
on proper placement
of insignia

OUR UNIT INSPECTION
WILL BE HELD ON

BRING THIS FORM
WITH YOU

OVER



The Scouting Seal
is Your Guarantee of
Quality, Excellence,
and Performance.

Individual Scout Accounts

The Pack Treasurer will set up an “Individual Scout Account” (ISA) program for each registered scout in Pack 343. The ISA shall function as follows:

- The scout will earn money for his ISA through distribution of a portion of profits from fundraising activities he participates in.
- The ISA program will be a “paper” account maintained as a portion of the Pack General Fund allocated to the ISA.
- All funds in the ISA program must be spent on; BSA products (refer to current BSA retail catalog), Pack 343, District or Council out-of-pocket activities, Pack Dues, Cub Scout or Boy Scout (for boys entering Boy Scouts) summer camp or individual camping equipment. All requests to spend money from an ISA must be approved by the Pack Committee Chairman, the respective Den Leader, and the scout's parent(s) or guardian(s) **prior to purchase**. Purchases are evaluated based on Cub Scouting principles and policies. All expenditures must be made to support the individual scout and to promote his continued involvement in scouting. If the Pack Treasurer does not conduct the purchase then a receipt must be submitted to allow payment to be made to the scout and his family.
- As long as a scout is active in the pack his account remains active and requests for purchases can be submitted at any time during his tenure with Pack 343.
- Under the following conditions, any funds in an ISA remaining 60 days from the date noted below shall revert back to the Pack:
 - If a scout transfers from the roles of Pack 343 (date of request for transfer),
 - Graduates to a Boy Scout Troop or elects not to continue into Boy Scouts (date of Webelos crossover),
 - Is inactive,
 - Elects not to continue to the next level within the pack (date of pack graduation).
- Parents can view their son's ISA balance and expenditures by forwarding a request via e-mail to the Pack Treasurer or by attending the monthly leader meeting.

Glossary

Cub Scouting has a language all its own. Below are the definitions of many of the terms you will encounter in Cub Scouting:

Achievement – To earn the rank badge, Wolf and Bear Scouts must complete achievements found in their Handbook.

Activity Badge – There are 20 activity badges that a Webelos Scout can earn. These are divided into five areas: Physical, Mental, Technology, Outdoor, and Community. A pin is awarded for completion of each activity badge.

Adult Partner – The adult member of a Tiger Cub team.

Akela – A leader; this may be the Cubmaster, parents, religious leaders, Den Leaders, or any other person providing leadership.

Arrow of Light – This is the highest award a boy can earn in Cub Scouting, and is also the only (nonreligious) award from Cub Scouts that can be worn on a Boy Scout uniform.

Arrow Points – Arrow points are awarded to Wolf and Bear Scouts for completing electives beyond the achievements required for earning their rank badge. A Gold Arrow Point is awarded for the first ten electives completed; a Silver Arrow Point is awarded for each successive ten electives completed.

Bear Cub – These are generally third-grade Cub Scouts who work on activities in four areas: God, Country, Family, and Self. Of the 24 possible achievements, they must complete a prescribed amount from each area for a total of 12.

Blue & Gold Banquet – A birthday dinner for Scouting held by Cub Scout packs in February to celebrate the founding of the Boy Scouts of America in 1910 and Cub Scouting in 1930.

Bobcat – Every boy who joins Cub Scouts must first earn the Bobcat badge. In doing this, he learns the seven basic tenets of Cub Scouting: the Promise, the Law of the Pack, the sign, the handshake, the motto, the salute, and what Webelos means.

Boy Scout – A Boy Scout is between the ages of 11 and 18 and belongs to a Troop. He advances through the ranks of Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, and Eagle.

Boy Scouts of America – The Boy Scouts of America is a nationally-chartered organization that encompasses Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Explorer Units, Varsity Scouts, and Venturing Crews.

Charter Organization – This is the organization that charters a unit and approves of all leaders. The Charter Organization Representative serves on the Pack Committee.

Council – The Council is an organization of professional Scouters that oversees all Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops, and other units in the area.

Crossover – When Webelos Scouts become Boy Scouts, or when Scouts move from one rank to the next.

Cub Scout – A Cub Scout is a member of the Boy Scouts of America in the first through fifth grade (or ages 6 to 11).

Cubmaster – The Cubmaster is sometimes known as the unit leader of the Pack. The Cubmaster runs the Pack meetings, advises Den Leaders, and works with the Pack Committee to plan and run the Pack program.

Den – The Den is a group of Cub Scouts who meet at regular intervals. Ideally, a Den consists of six to ten boys who are all working towards the same rank.

Den Chief – A Boy Scout, usually of First Class rank or higher, who serves as an assistant leader in a Den.

Den Leader – The adult volunteer who is in charge of planning and running den meetings.

Den Meeting – Individual Den Meetings are held for each rank level of Cub Scouts. These usually occur at regular intervals, such as weekly or bi-weekly. Wolf and Bear dens work on fun projects, crafts, skits, or some of their achievements. Webelos dens use this time to work on the various activity badges.

Denner – A Cub Scout or Webelos Scout elected by his peers to help the den chief and den leader.

District – Each Council is divided into a number of Districts. The District Executive oversees the activities of all units in the District.

Handbook – Each level of Scouting has its own Handbook. The Handbook is essential for your Scout, as it spells out the requirements for advancement as well as providing a place to record their completion.

Pack – All of the Cub Scouts in our Dens and their families make up the Pack. The Pack usually meets once every month during the school year.

Pack Committee – This is the group of adult volunteers who run the Pack. Any interested adult is welcome.

Pack Committee Chair – The Pack Committee Chair is the primary leader of the Pack. The Committee Chair works with the Pack Committee, the Cubmaster, and the Charter Organization Representative to plan the Pack program, recruit leaders, and maintain the budget.

Rank Badges – The rank badges for Cub Scouts are, in order, Tiger, Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, and Arrow of Light.

Scouter – A registered adult member of the Boy Scouts of America who serves in a volunteer or professional capacity.

Summertime Award – To earn the National Summertime Pack Award, a Cub Scout pack must plan and conduct three pack activities – one each in June, July, and August. Cub Scouts who participate in all three activities may wear the National Summertime Pack Award pin on their uniform. Pack 343 generally offers at least two activities in each summer month in order to provide boys and their families plenty of opportunities for fun and to qualify for the National Summertime Pack Award.

Tiger Cub – Tiger Cubs are first-grade boys who, with an adult partner, participate in five achievements, each consisting of a Family Activity, a Den Activity, and a Go See It.

Tiger Partner – The adult partner of a Tiger Cub is usually a family member. Tiger Partners accompany their Tiger Cubs to all Scouting events and activities.

12 Core Values – The 12 Core Values of Cub Scouting are citizenship, compassion, cooperation, courage, faith, health and fitness, honesty, perseverance, positive attitude, resourcefulness, respect, and responsibility.

Uniform – The uniform is the prescribed clothing for any and all official Cub Scout events and activities. In Pack 343, the minimum uniform consists of a blue uniform shirt (Webelos may wear tan shirts with blue shoulder tabs) with all patches (council, pack number, den number, world scouting, and rank), appropriate neckerchief (orange for Tigers, yellow for Wolves, blue for Bears, and plaid for Webelos), and a neckerchief slide. Hats and belts are optional. Class B / Activity (Scout T-Shirt) is also acceptable as a uniform for all non-formal functions.

Unit – Each individually chartered Pack, Troop, Post, Lodge, or Crew in the Boy Scouts of America is a unit.

Webelos – Webelos means WE'll BE LOyal Scouts. Webelos is both the singular and plural form.

Webelos Scout – These are fourth- and fifth-grade Cub Scouts who work on up to 20 activity badges in the den setting. These activities are designed to prepare the boys for the merit badge methodology used in Boy Scouts.

Wolf Cub – These are generally second-grade Cub Scouts who work on 12 achievements, mostly in the home setting. Arrow points are awarded for work done on a multitude of electives.

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Important Information Regarding Your Son's New Pack.

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My Den Leader's name is: _____

My Den Leader's phone number is: _____

My Den meets at (time & place): _____

My Pack meets at (time & place): _____

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